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Consumer, Health & Safety

An interest in knowing about events that impact our daily lives. A need for information about how to be wise shoppers of goods and services and how to live healthy and safe lives.

Crime

A need to know about crime and law enforcement activities and a concern for personal safety.

Education

A concern about the money and skills needed to improve schools and an interest in improving student's quality of education.

Environment

A concern for how the environment is affected by human activity.

Government

An interest in how government affects our personal lives

Jobs/Economy/Growth

An interest in the local and national economic outlook and the impact growth has on our communities

Quality of Life

An interest in things that improve one's satisfaction with life.

The following pages list representative samples of program segments from The Ten O'clock Newscast, The News at 6:30 Newscast and The Morning Newscast during this quarter that respond to our ascertained issues. Each segment was 20 seconds to 3 minutes in length (except as otherwise reported).

The following pages also identify issue-responsive episodes of programs, which are listed under the appropriate issue.

WHNS also broadcasts public service announcements, news and weather cut-ins as needed to inform local community of breaking news and emergencies.

Attachments



Consumer, Health & Safety

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
SEDOND QUARTER 2009**

Problem/Need: **CONSUMER, HEALTH & SAFETY**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Saturdays (airs weekly)	6:30am	TODAY'S HOMEOWNER

Description: A half-hour weekly television show that features information on how to maintain and improve your home, both inside and out. The approach to home improvement helps everyone from the experienced do-it-yourselfer to the first time homeowner. Projects are taken from start to finish in each weekly episode. (30:00)

April 1, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 1, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 1, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport is asking passengers to take a survey that may help lower fares. Officials are asking people who live within 100 miles of the airport to take the online survey at gspairport.com. Airport officials said they hope the information provided by the survey will help them convince air carriers to lower their fares, or even help attract more low-cost carriers to the Upstate. The latest survey showed that GSP is losing about 59 percent of its potential air passengers to other cities like Charlotte or Atlanta. Recently, GSP was ranked as one of the most expensive airports in the country.


April 2, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 2, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 2, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Officers in North Carolina have stepped up their patrols in an effort to cut back on speeding during the statewide "Operation Slowdown." FOX Carolina tagged along with deputies in Henderson County on Wednesday as they patrolled Highway 25 and Interstate 26. Deputies there clocked several drivers at speeds of more than 20 miles per hour over the speed limit. Officers said they believe that speeding leads to fatal crashes. "The vehicle is a deadly vessel when you lose control," said Deputy Dave Hensley. "You're along for the ride, and that's it." Officials said that 1,400 people were killed in crashes in North Carolina last year. They said the leading cause of those crashes were speed.

April 2, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 2, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 2, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Lawmakers have given key approval to a bill that would raise South Carolina's cigarette tax by 50 cents a pack to support a health insurance plan for low-income workers. The House voted 97-22 to approve the measure Thursday on a second reading. A routine third reading will send it to the Senate. The legislation would raise the tax by 2.5 cents for each cigarette in a pack. The current tax of 7 cents a pack is the nation's lowest. The tax is expected to raise \$147 million. That creates a \$139 million fund to cover 75 percent of a health care policy for individuals who make up to roughly \$21,600 a year. The maximum credit would be \$3,000. Employers with up to 25 low-income workers would get a 67 percent credit for each worker insured with the same limit.

April 13, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 13, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 13, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Anderson County leaders urged residents on Monday to purchase [weather](#)  radios for their homes rather than depending on tornado sirens to warn them of dangerous weather. Taylor Jones, director of Anderson County's emergency services, said sirens are not full-proof and used Friday night's storms as evidence. Jones said that in some cases, power outages prevented the sirens from working. He said that some people could not hear the sirens because they are too far away from them or because of the heavy rain in their area. Jones said the county just does not have enough sirens to completely cover its residents. "I think the weather alert radio system is the way to go for personal responsibility," Jones said. "Everyone

can have them and they are fairly inexpensive." Jones said that each siren costs about \$2,500 to purchase and install. He said that it would take more than 700 sirens to adequately cover the county.

April 13, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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April 13, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Despite the dismal economy, motorists may want to take to the road this summer. The federal government says gasoline prices are expected to stay relatively low. The Energy Information Administration on Tuesday projected regular-grade gasoline to average \$2.23 a gallon during the April-through-September driving season. The monthly average is likely to peak at \$2.30 a gallon. That's still a bargain compared to last summer, when gasoline cost an average of \$3.81 a gallon and soared for a time past \$4. The report also said U.S. crude oil production declined by 110,000 barrels a day last year because of Gulf Coast hurricanes, but should rebound by an additional 440,000 barrels to 5.4 million barrels a day this year, the first increase in domestic production since 1991. In recent weeks gas prices have edged higher from their lows in December. Last week gasoline average \$2.05 a gallon. The energy agency attributed the increases to slightly higher crude oil costs and refiners trying to recoup some profits. The EIA report projects crude oil prices to average \$53 a barrel this year, but to increase by about \$10 a barrel in 2010. But it said a stronger-than-expected economic recovery, lower global production or "more aggressive action to cut production" by the OPEC oil cartel "could lead to a faster and stronger rise in oil prices." Despite the drop in crude prices as well as cheaper gasoline, U.S. consumption of petroleum products, mainly gasoline and diesel, is forecast to decline for a second year in a row because of the economic downturn, the report said. It said consumption declined by 6.1 percent last year, compared with 2007, in part because of the high cost of fuel in the first half of the year, and is expected to drop another 2.2 percent this year, or by 430,000 barrels a day. An expected economic upturn will increase demand in 2010 by 1.4 percent, the report said. There should be plenty of gasoline available this summer. Refinery production is projected to increase by about 240,000 barrels a day compared with last summer. Total gasoline stocks as of April 1 were slightly less than last year at this time, but higher than the five-year average. More ethanol will be blended with gasoline this year, as required by law. The EIA said an average of 670,000 barrels a day of ethanol to be blended, compared to 635,000 barrels a day last summer. Still, the EIA said the growth of ethanol plant capacity will slow dramatically in 2009 as lower gasoline prices depress profits in ethanol production and the constraints in the financial markets curtail plant construction plans.

April 16, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 16, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 16, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Prices of the most popular brand-name prescription drugs are on the rise even as the economy falters, the AARP says. But the group's annual study released Wednesday also found prices of generic drugs are falling and more and more seniors are making the switch to generics, a trend the powerful senior citizens' lobby hopes to encourage. AARP also wants policy makers to focus on how to bring drug prices down as Congress prepares legislation to reshape the nation's costly health care system. The group said that prices manufacturers charged for the most widely used brand name drugs rose 8.7 percent in 2008, higher than in years past. The general inflation rate in 2008 was 3.8 percent. "Just about everybody in today's economy is feeling some economic pressures and it does not help that the drugs you take to keep [healthy](#) are much more expensive than last year," said AARP's public policy director, John Rother. "I think this makes the case for health reform." The drug lobby group Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America dismissed AARP's report as "one-sided," criticizing its focus on selected brand-name medicines. "Unfortunately, AARP distorts the true, overall picture in hopes of dramatizing its report and deflecting attention from the millions of dollars it earns each year from its insurance businesses," PhRMA's senior vice president, Ken Johnson, said in a statement. AARP's report highlighted growing costs of what it said were the 219 most widely used brand-name drugs. Among the drugs that saw the biggest price increases in 2008, according to AARP: Prevacid, for acid reflux; Wellbutrin, for depression; and Lunesta, for sleeping. Prevacid went up by 30 percent, Wellbutrin by 21 percent and Lunesta by 20 percent. Financial analysts have attributed some of the increases to drug makers attempting to boost profits amid an economic downturn as they confront the prospect of congressional action on health care that could change the marketplace. Also some brand-name drug prices are increased shortly before their patents expire and they become available as generics. Prevacid, for example, is going off-patent in November. Rother said the increases make the case for policy changes such as allowing the government to negotiate drug prices or reimportation of drugs from other countries so Americans can pay the lower prices typically charged elsewhere. AARP is also eager for Congress to address the notorious "doughnut hole" in the [Medicare](#) drug benefit. That's the gap in coverage -- included in the 2003 law to keep down costs -- that occurs once the cost of a patient's prescriptions exceeds about \$2,700. Patients have to cover the next \$4,350 on their own until Medicare coverage kicks in again. AARP's report said that generic drug costs fell an average of 10.6 percent in 2008. A government survey released in February that counted all prescription drug expenditures, including generics, found that costs grew 3.5 percent last year. That was a slowdown from 2007 that federal economists attributed to increased use of generics and people filling fewer prescriptions because of the recession.

April 18, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 18, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Patients and community members hoping to keep the Shriners [Hospital](#) in Greenville open are planning a rally during the local group's annual board meeting. The Saturday gathering comes just weeks after Shriners [Hospitals](#) for Children announced it was considering closing facilities in Greenville and five other cities nationwide. In Greenville, supporters are holding fundraisers and demonstrations to try and keep the local facility open. Last week, more than 400 balloons were released at the Greenville Shriners Hospital. Shriners officials said the closures are needed to offset rising medical costs and stagnant donations and rebuild an endowment that's lost billions in a year.

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Description: At least 3,000 people rallied at the Bi-Lo Center in downtown Greenville to call for less government spending. The "Tea Party" was organized by young Upstate Republicans and marked the final protest of the week. The "tea" in "Tea Party" stands for "taxed enough already." "We don't like the taxes," said Stephen Grubba. "We don't like the taxes and spending. That's what it comes down to. There's way too much spending and way too many potential taxes." Organizers chose the week when income taxes were due to make their voices heard, and the crowd went wild when Gov. Mark Sanford arrived to speak. "There are two paths in the road," Sanford said. "One that has horrible consequences with the value of currency in terms of inflation -- in terms of the bad things, and the other is going back to the very thing that made this country great." Sen. Jim Demint, Rep. Gresham Barrett and Lt. Gov. Andre Bauer also spoke at the event. "The common thread is government has gotten too big and is taking on too many responsibilities, and it's rewarding bad behavior," said Bauer. Many attendees were protesting using taxpayer money in the stimulus bill and previous bailouts of corporations. "We're in trouble," said Chad Eubanks. "We are spending a lot of money bailing people out that honestly just need to fail." Also at the Bi-Lo Center, however, there was a smaller rally where hundreds gathered to support education. A group called Save Our Schools wants the \$700 million in federal stimulus money to be used for education -- and so does the [federal government](#). Sanford has said he won't accept the money for education unless the same amount of money could be used to pay off debt in the state.

April 22, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: State health care coverage for parents could extend to their adult children up to 30 years old under a South Carolina bill up for debate by lawmakers. The Senate Banking and Insurance Committee is set to discuss legislation that would allow residents who have served at least six months in the military to stay on their parents' health plan until they are 30. The proposal would not apply to anyone with a dishonorable discharge. The coverage would end if the person marries, returns to active duty or acquires coverage under another policy. The bill also extends the coverage to unmarried children up to age 25 who are financially dependent on their parents. It also applies to workers covered under the state health plan.

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Description: The Food and Drug Administration, reversing field, will now let 17-year-olds get the 'morning-after' birth control pill without a doctor's prescription, a government health official said Wednesday. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the agency will announce that it is complying with a federal judge's order that overturns a Bush administration policy. The official was not authorized to speak publicly before the FDA announcement, expected later Wednesday. Last month, U.S. District Judge Edward Korman ruled in a New York lawsuit that Bush administration appointees let politics, not science, drive their decision to allow over-the-counter access to these pills only for women 18 and older. Korman ordered the agency to let 17-year-olds get the medication, and separately to evaluate whether all age restrictions should be lifted. Plan B is emergency contraception that contains a high dose of birth control drugs and will not interfere with an established pregnancy. Religious conservatives say it's the equivalent of an abortion pill because it can prevent a fertilized egg from attaching to the uterus. The battle over access to Plan B has dragged on for the better part of a decade, through the tenure of three FDA commissioners. Among many in the medical community, it came to symbolize the decline of science at the agency. Top FDA managers refused to go along with the recommendations of scientific staff and outside advisers that the drug be made available over-the-counter with no age restrictions. "The FDA got caught up in a saga, it got caught up in a drama," said Susan Wood, who served as the agency's top women's health official and resigned in 2005 over delays in issuing a decision. "This issue served as a clear example of the agency being taken off track, and it highlighted the problems FDA was facing in many other areas." If taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex, Plan B can reduce a woman's chances of pregnancy by as much as 89 percent. It contains a high dose of birth control drugs and works by preventing ovulation, fertilization, or the implantation of a fertilized egg in the uterus. If a woman is already [pregnant](#), Plan B has no effect. However, social conservatives say that since it can prevent the implantation of a fertilized egg, Plan B is the equivalent of an abortion pill. The treatment consists of two pills and sells for about \$35 to \$60. Women must ask for Plan B at the pharmacy counter, and show identification with their date of birth. The drug is made by a subsidiary of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, an Israeli company. It does not prevent sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS. Supporters of broader access argued that Plan B was safe and effective in preventing unwanted pregnancy,

and could also help reduce the number of abortions. Opponents, including prominent conservatives, countered that it would encourage promiscuity, and might even become a tool for criminals running prostitution rings, as well as for sexual predators. Early in the Bush administration, more than 60 organizations petitioned the FDA to allow sales without a prescription. But according to court documents, the issue quickly became politicized. In 2003, a panel of outside advisers voted 23 to 4 to recommend over-the-counter sales without age restrictions. But top FDA officials told their subordinates that no approval could be issued at the time, and the decision would be made at a higher level. That's considered highly unusual, since the FDA usually has the last word on drug decisions. In his ruling, Judge Korman said that FDA staffers were told the White House had been involved in the decision on Plan B. The government said in court papers that politics played no role. In 2005, the Center for Reproductive Rights and other organizations sued in federal court to force an FDA decision. The following year, the FDA allowed Plan B to be sold without a prescription to adults. But the controversy raged on over access for teens.

April 24, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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April 24, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: At least 16 people -- and possibly dozens more -- have died from a swine flu virus in Mexico, and world health officials worry it could unleash a global flu epidemic. Mexico City closed schools across the metropolis Friday in hopes of containing the outbreak, and tougher measures were being considered. Scientists were trying to determine if the deaths involved the same new strain of swine flu that sickened seven people in Texas and California -- a disturbing disease that combines pig, bird and human viruses in a way that researchers have not seen before. The World Health Organization counted at least 57 deaths in Mexico, but said it wasn't yet clear what flu they died from. "We are very, very concerned," WHO spokesman Thomas Abraham said. "We have what appears to be a novel virus and it has spread from human to human." WHO raised its internal alert system Friday, enabling the agency to divert more money and personnel to dealing with the outbreak. "It's all hands on deck at the moment," Abraham said. President Felipe Calderon canceled a trip and met with his Cabinet to coordinate Mexico's response. The government has 500,000 flu vaccines and planned to administer them to health workers, the highest risk group. There are no vaccines available for the general public in Mexico, and authorities urged people to avoid hospitals unless they had a medical emergency, since hospitals are centers of infection. They also said Mexicans should refrain from customary greetings such as shaking hands or kissing cheeks. But the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Americans need not avoid traveling to Mexico, as long as they take the usual precautions, such as frequent hand washing. Mexico's Health Secretary, Jose Cordova, said only 16 of the deaths have been confirmed as the new swine flu strain, and that government laboratories were testing samples from 44 other people who died. At least 943 nationwide were sick from the suspected flu, the health department said. Cordova said samples also were sent to the CDC to look for matches with the virus that infected seven people in Texas and California. Cordova called it a "new, different strain ... that originally came from pigs." Epidemiologists are particularly concerned because the only people killed so far were normally less-vulnerable young people and adults. It's possible that more vulnerable populations -- infants and the aged -- had been vaccinated against other strains, and that those vaccines may be providing some protection. "We certainly have 60 deaths that we can't be sure are from the same virus, but it is probable," Cordova told MVS radio in Mexico City. Dr. Anne Schuchat of the CDC said, "At this point, we do not have any confirmations of swine influenza in Mexico" of the kind that sickened seven California and Texas residents. All seven recovered from symptoms that were like those of the regular flu, mostly involving fever, cough and sore throat, though some of the seven also experienced vomiting and diarrhea. Scientists have long been concerned that a new flu virus could launch a pandemic, a worldwide spread of a killer disease. A new virus could evolve when different flu viruses infect a pig, a person or a bird, mingling their genetic material. The resulting hybrid could spread quickly because people would have no natural defenses against it. The most notorious flu pandemic is thought to have killed at least 40 million people worldwide in 1918-19. Two other, less deadly flu pandemics struck in 1957 and 1968. Nobody can predict when pandemics will happen. Scientists had been concerned about swine flu in 1976, for example, and some 40 million Americans were vaccinated. No flu pandemic ever appeared, but thousands of vaccinated people filed claims saying they'd suffered a paralyzing condition and other side effects from the shots. In recent years, scientists have been particularly concerned about birds. There have been deaths from bird flu, mostly in Asia, but the virus has so far been unable to spread from person to person easily enough to touch off a pandemic. Closing the schools across the metropolis of 20 million kept 6.1 million [students](#) home from day care centers through high schools, and thousands more were affected as colleges and universities closed down. Parents scrambled to juggle work and family concerns due to what local media said was the first citywide schools closure since Mexico City's devastating 1985 earthquake. Authorities also advised capital residents not to go to work if they felt ill, and to wear surgical masks if they had to move through crowds. A wider shutdown -- perhaps including shutting down government offices -- was being considered. "It is very likely that classes will be suspended for several days," Cordova said. "We will have to evaluate, and let's hope this doesn't happen, the need to restrict activity at workplaces." Mexico's initial response in its overcrowded capital brought to mind other major outbreaks -- such as when SARS hit Asia. At its peak in 2003, Beijing was the hardest-hit city in the world. Schools, cinemas and restaurants were shuttered to prevent the spread the deadly respiratory virus, and thousands of people were

quarantined at home. In March 2008, Hong Kong ordered more than a half million young students to stay home for two weeks because of a flu outbreak. It was the first such closure in Hong Kong since the outbreak of SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome. Lillian Molina and other teachers at the Montessori's World preschool scrubbed down their empty classrooms with Clorox, soap and Lysol on Friday between fielding calls from worried parents. While the school has had no known cases among its students, Molina supported the government's decision to shutter classes, especially in preschools. "It's great they are taking precautions," she said. "I think it's a really good idea." Still, U.S. health officials said it's not yet a reason for alarm in the United States. The five in California and two in Texas have all recovered, and testing indicates some common antiviral medications seem to work against the virus. Schuchat of the CDC said officials believe the new strain can spread human-to-human, which is unusual for a swine flu virus. The CDC is checking people who have been in contact with the seven confirmed U.S. cases, who all became ill between late March and mid-April. The U.S. cases are a growing medical mystery because it's unclear how they caught the virus. The CDC said none of the seven people were in contact with pigs, which is how people usually catch swine flu. And only a few were in contact with each other. CDC officials described the virus as having a unique combination of gene segments not seen in people or pigs before. The bug contains human virus, avian virus from North America and pig viruses from North America, Europe and Asia. Health officials have seen mixes of bird, pig and human virus before, but never such an intercontinental combination with more than one pig virus in the mix. Scientists keep a close eye on flu viruses that emerge from pigs. The animals are considered particularly susceptible to both avian and human viruses and a likely place where the kind of genetic reassortment can take place that might lead to a new form of pandemic flu, said Dr. John Treanor, an infectious disease specialist at the University of Rochester Medical Center. The virus may be something completely new, or it may have been around for a while but was only detected now because of improved lab testing and disease surveillance, CDC officials said. The virus was first detected in two children in southern California -- a 10-year-old boy in San Diego County and a 9-year-old girl in neighboring Imperial County. It's not known if the seasonal flu vaccine Americans got this winter protects against this type of virus. People should wash their hands and take other customary precautions, CDC officials said.

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Description: U.S. officials said Monday they were acting aggressively to confront the spreading swine flu virus -- now confirmed in 40 victims -- while President Barack Obama said there was concern but not yet "a cause for alarm." A travel advisory was being prepared suggesting Americans not travel to Mexico, center of the outbreak. Dr. Richard Besser, acting director of the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, said that so far the disease in the United States seems less severe than the outbreak in Mexico, where more than 1,600 cases have been reported and where the suspected death toll has climbed to 149. No deaths have been reported in the U.S. "I wouldn't be overly reassured by that," Besser told reporters at CDC's headquarters in Atlanta. He raised the possibility of more severe cases in the United States. Besser said a new U.S. travel advisory was being prepared suggesting "nonessential travel to Mexico be avoided." The confirmed cases announced on Monday were double the 20 initially reported by the CDC. Besser said this was due entirely to further testing in New York at a school in Queens, bringing the New York total to 28. Besser said other cases have been reported in Ohio, Kansas, Texas and California. He said that, of the 40 cases, only one person has been hospitalized and all have recovered. The best way to keep the disease from spreading, he said, is by taking everyday precautions such as frequent handwashing, covering up coughs and sneezes and staying away from work or school if not feeling well. THIS IS A BREAKING NEWS UPDATE. Check back soon for further information. AP's earlier story is below. WASHINGTON (AP) -- President Barack Obama declared Monday that spreading swine flu infections were a concern but "not a cause for alarm," while customs agents began checking people coming into the United States by land and air. The World Health Organization said there were 40 confirmed cases in the U.S. but no deaths. Countries across the globe increased their vigilance amid increasing worries about a worldwide pandemic. Obama told a gathering of scientists that his administration's Department of Health and [Human Services](#) "has declared a public health emergency as a precautionary tool to ensure that we have the resources we need at our disposal to respond quickly and effectively." The acting head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Dr. Richard Besser, said that Americans should be prepared for the problem to become more severe, and that it could involve "possibly deaths." The quickening pace of developments in the United States in response to some 1,600 swine flu infections in neighboring Mexico -- and reports that Mexico's suspected swine flu death toll had climbed to 149 -- was accompanied by a host of varying responses around the world. Mexico suspended schools nationwide. The European Union advised against nonessential travel to the U.S. and Mexico, while China, Taiwan and Russia considered quarantines and several Asian countries scrutinized visitors arriving at their airports. U.S. customs officials began checking people entering U.S. territory. Officers at airports, seaports and border crossings were watching for signs of illness, said Customs and Border Protection spokesman Lloyd Easterling. The borders are open, Easterling added. He said officials were "just taking a second look at folks who may be displaying a symptom of illness." If a traveler says something about not feeling well, the person will be questioned about symptoms and, if necessary, referred to a CDC official for additional screening, Easterling said. The customs officials were wearing personal protective gear, such as gloves and masks, he said. The CDC can send someone to the [hospital](#) if they suspect a case, but no one is being refused entry. Also, the CDC is readying "yellow cards" with disease information for travelers, in case they later experience symptoms. The border monitoring resembles that done during the SARS epidemic earlier in the decade. Multiple airlines, including American, United, Continental, US Airways, Mexicana and Air Canada, said they were waiving usual penalties for changing reservations for anyone traveling to,

from, or through Mexico, but had not canceled flights. The CDC's Besser said that while the U.S. hasn't advised against travel to Mexico, it has urged people to take precautions, such as frequent hand-washing while there. He also said he did not believe that the EU's inclusion of the U.S. in its travel warnings was warranted "at this point." A private school in South Carolina was closed Monday because of fears that young people who recently returned from Mexico might have been infected. "We are closely monitoring the emerging cases of swine flu in the United States," Obama said. "I'm getting regular updates on the situation from the responsible agencies, and the Department of Health and Human Services as well as the Centers for Disease Control will be offering regular updates to the American people so that they know what steps are being taken and what steps they may need to take." "This is obviously a cause for concern and requires a heightened state of alert, but it's not a cause for alarm," he said. World stock markets fell as investors worried that the outbreak could derail economic recovery. Wall Street, too, dipped in morning trading but stocks regained their footing and posted modest gains by midday. The U.S. declared a national health emergency in the midst of uncertainty about whether the mounting sick count meant new infections were increasing or health officials had simply missed something that had been simmering for weeks or months. The declaration allowed Washington to ship roughly 12 million doses of flu-fighting medications from a federal stockpile to states in case they are needed. Besser said he was not reassured by the fact that so far in the U.S., no one had died from the disease. "From what we understand in Mexico, I think people need to be ready for the idea that we could see more severe cases in this country and possibly deaths," he said. "That's something people have to be ready for and we're looking for that. So far, thankfully, we haven't seen that. But we're very concerned and that's why we're taking very aggressive measures." Meanwhile, officials of Newberry Academy in South Carolina said Monday that seniors from the school were in Mexico earlier this month and some had flu-like symptoms when they returned. State Department of Health and Environmental Control spokesman Jim Beasley said test results on the students could come back as early as Monday afternoon. The agency has stepped up efforts to investigate all flu cases in South Carolina. There have been no confirmed swine flu cases in the state. A New York City school where eight cases were confirmed will be closed Monday and Tuesday. Of the 40 reported cases in the U.S., 28 are in New York. Also, 14 schools in Texas, including a high school where two cases were confirmed, will be closed for at least the next week. Some schools in California and Ohio also were closing after students were found or suspected to have the flu. In Mexico, the outbreak's center, soldiers handed out 6 million face masks to help stop the spread of the virus that is suspected in up to 103 deaths. Most other countries are reporting only mild cases so far, with most of the sick already recovering. Spain reported its first confirmed swine flu case on Monday and said another 17 people were suspected of having the disease. The European Union health commissioner advised Europeans to avoid nonessential travel to Mexico and the United States. Also, three New Zealanders recently returned from Mexico are suspected of having it. "It was acquired in Mexico, brought home and spread," Nova Scotia's chief public health officer, Dr. Robert Strang, said of Canada's first confirmed cases.

April 28, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 28, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
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Description: North Carolina health officials said two possible cases of swine flu have been reported in Buncombe County. Officials said that, so far, three people in the county have been tested and one of them returned positive for the regular [influenza virus](#). They said the results for the remaining two tests should return on Wednesday. Officials said that all three of the people who were tested traveled to Mexico, but not together. State health officials said that they are looking at between 10 and 20 cases that are suspected of being swine flu. They said tests kits from the Centers for Disease Control should arrive on Wednesday.

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Description: Government health officials announced the recall of popular weight loss pill Hydroxycut, after reports of liver damage and other health problems. [Food and Drug Administration](#) officials said Friday that Iovate Health Sciences Inc., of Oakville, Ontario, the manufacturer of Hydroxycut, has launched a nationwide recall of the dietary supplement, used by people trying to shed pounds and by body builders to sharpen their muscles. "The FDA urges consumers to discontinue use of Hydroxycut products in order to avoid any undue risk. Adverse events are rare, but exist. Consumers should consult a [physician](#) or other health care professional if they are experiencing symptoms possibly associated with these products," said Linda Katz, M.D., interim chief medical officer of the FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. The FDA has received 23 reports of serious health problems, including liver damage requiring a liver transplant, according to a FDA's Web site. The FDA also has received a report of one death due to liver failure. Other reported health problems include seizures, cardiovascular disorders and rhabdomyolysis, a type of muscle damage. Hydroxycut is advertised as made from natural ingredients. It accounts for about 90 percent of the market for weight loss supplements, with sales of about 1 million bottles a year. Dietary supplements are not as tightly regulated by the government as medications. Manufacturers don't need FDA approval ahead of time before marketing their products. The list of products being recalled by Iovate currently includes: Hydroxycut Regular Rapid Release Caplets; Hydroxycut Caffeine-Free Rapid Release Caplets; Hydroxycut Hardcore Liquid Caplets; Hydroxycut Max Liquid Caplets; Hydroxycut Regular Drink Packets; Hydroxycut Caffeine-Free Drink Packets; Hydroxycut Hardcore Drink Packets (Ignition Stix);

Hydroxycut Max Drink Packet; Hydroxycut Liquid Shots; Hydroxycut Hardcore RTDs (Ready-to-Drink); Hydroxycut Max Aqua Shed; Hydroxycut 24; Hydroxycut Carb Control; Hydroxycut Natural.

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Description: Millions of Americans enjoying their small windfall from President Barack Obama's "Making Work Pay" tax credit are in for an unpleasant surprise next spring. The government is going to want some of that money back. The tax credit is supposed to provide up to \$400 to individuals and \$800 to married couples as part of the massive economic recovery package enacted in February. Most workers started receiving the credit through small increases in their paychecks in the past month. But new tax withholding tables issued by the IRS could cause millions of taxpayers to get hundreds of dollars more than they are entitled to under the credit, money that will have to be repaid at tax time. At-risk taxpayers include a broad swath of the public: married couples in which both spouses work; workers with more than one job; retirees who have federal income taxes withheld from their pension payments and Social Security recipients with jobs that provide taxable income. The Internal Revenue Service acknowledges problems with the withholding tables but has done little to warn average taxpayers. "They need to get the Goodyear blimp out there on this," said Tom Ochenschlager, vice president of taxation for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. For many, the new tax tables will simply mean smaller-than-expected tax refunds next year, IRS spokesman Terry Lemons said. The average refund was nearly \$2,700 this year. But taxpayers who calculate their withholding so they get only small refunds could face an unwelcome tax bill next April, said Jackie Perlman, an analyst with the Tax Institute at H&R Block. "They are going to get a surprise," she said. Perlman's advice: check your federal withholding to make sure sufficient taxes are being taken out of your pay. If you are married and both spouses work, you might consider having taxes withheld at the higher rate for single filers. If you have multiple jobs, you might consider having extra taxes withheld by one of your employers. You can make that request with a Form W-4. The IRS has a calculator on its Web site to help taxpayers figure withholding. So do many private tax preparers. Obama has touted the tax credit as one of the big achievements of his first 100 days in office, boasting that 95 percent of working families will qualify in 2009 and 2010. The credit pays workers 6.2 percent of their earned income, up to a maximum of \$400 for individuals and \$800 for married couples who file jointly. Individuals making more \$95,000 and couples making more than \$190,000 are ineligible. The tax credit was designed to help boost the economy by getting more money to consumers in their regular paychecks. Employers were required to start using the new withholding tables by April 1. The tables, however, don't take into account several common categories of taxpayers, experts said. For example: --A single worker with two jobs making \$20,000 a year at each job will get a \$400 boost in take-home pay at each of them, for a total of \$800. That worker, however, is eligible for a maximum credit of \$400, so the remaining \$400 will have to be paid back at tax time -- either through a smaller refund or a payment to the IRS. The IRS recognized there could be a similar problem for married couples if both spouses work, so it adjusted the withholding tables. The fix, however, was imperfect. -- A married couple with a combined income of \$50,000 is eligible for an \$800 credit. However, if both spouses work and make more than \$13,000, the new withholding tables give them each a \$600 boost -- for a total of \$1,200. There were 33 million married couples in 2008 in which both spouses worked. That's 55 percent of all married couples, according to the Census Bureau. -- A single college student with a [part-time job](#) making \$10,000 would get a \$400 boost in pay. However, if that student is claimed as a dependent on a parent's tax return, she doesn't qualify for the credit and would have to repay it when she files next year. Some retirees face even bigger headaches. The Social Security Administration is sending out \$250 payments to more than 50 million retirees in May as part of the economic stimulus package. The payments will go to people who receive Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, railroad [retirement](#) benefits or veteran's disability benefits. The payments are meant to provide a boost for people who don't qualify for the tax credit. However, they will go to retirees even if they have earned income and receive the credit. Those retirees will have the \$250 payment deducted from their tax credit -- but not until they file their tax returns next year, long after the money may have been spent. Retirees who have federal income taxes withheld from pension benefits also are getting an income boost as a result of the new withholding tables. However, pension benefits are not earned income, so they don't qualify for the tax credit. That money will have to be paid back next year when tax returns are filed. More than 20 million retirees and survivors receive payments from defined benefit pension plans, according to the Employee Benefit Research Institute. However, it is unclear how many have federal taxes withheld from their payments. The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees union raised concerns about the effect of the tax credit on pension payments in a letter to Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner in March. Geithner responded that Treasury and IRS understood the concerns and were "exploring ways to mitigate that effect." Rep. Dave Camp of Michigan, the top Republican on the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, said Geithner has yet to respond to concerns raised by committee members. "So far we've got the, 'If we don't address this maybe it will go away' approach," Camp said. IRS withholding calculator: <http://tinyurl.com/3eorb>.

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Description: A Spartanburg County restaurant is dripping with pride as its signature dish is recognized by the Food Network. The culinary channel recently released its list of ultimate burgers in each state. Topping the list in South Carolina was the

“Redneck Cheeseburger” at The Nu-Way Restaurant and Lounge. Patrons said they agree with the [cable](#) network’s assessment of the beefy delight that is topped with homemade pimento cheese. “I love the burger because it’s perfect with the pimento cheese,” said Colleen Casey, as she took her seat the restaurant’s bar. “Sandy (is) one of the best chefs. He makes it. I always enjoy it when I’m here for lunch. I always stop by and get one and support the Nu-Way.” The lounge is located on East Kennedy Street in Spartanburg.

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Description: Mayfield Dairy Farms has announced it is recalling containers of its Mayfield Homemade Vanilla Select Ice Cream because of possible ammonia contamination. The Birmingham-based company said the voluntary recall is for 1.5-quart containers of the ice cream. Ammonia contamination can cause headache, nausea, vomiting and irritation of the throat. The recall includes 14,084 units with a code date of 03/17/10 and plant code of 010176, which can be found on the container lid. The UPC number is 75243 20148 and is located on the end of the package. The affected product was distributed in Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida. Mayfield has ceased distribution of the affected product and consumers who have it should return the package to the place of purchase for a full refund or exchange.

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Description: South Carolina health officials say 12 new cases of the H1N1 flu virus, formerly known as swine flu, have been reported, bringing the state's total to 29. The Department of Health and Environmental Control said Thursday that cases are now reported in nine counties and 24 of the 29 people infected with the virus were linked to Newberry Academy, a private [school](#) from which students made a trip to Mexico last month. DHEC said three of the four other cases involve people who traveled to areas hardest hit by the disease. Officials on Thursday also canceled visitation at South Carolina’s 28 prisons because of H1N1. No cases have been reported behind bars. DHEC is reviewing federal guidelines that say schools no longer need to close for a week if a student is diagnosed with swine flu. The virus forced officials to close Newberry Academy for a week to disinfect the school. Mauldin High School was closed for two days after some students there began exhibiting flu-like [symptoms](#). Test results on those students returned negative for the H1N1 virus.

May 11, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O’clock News
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Description: A toddler was found wandering near Interstate 26 in northern Spartanburg County on Monday morning, deputies said. According to Tony Ivey with the Spartanburg County Sheriff’s Office, deputies received a 911 call at 8:22 a.m. The caller reported seeing the child walking down a frontage road alone. The caller said he had stopped and picked up the boy on Meadow Farm Road and was waiting for deputies to arrive, Ivey said. Ivey said the toddler, along with two other children, was staying with a baby sitter who did not realize the child had wandered away. The child was found about 200 yards away from where he was staying, Ivey said. Ivey said the Department of Social Services is investigating the incident. The child was unharmed.

May 15, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O’clock News
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Description: Whole cantaloupes sold at Wal-Mart stores in North Carolina and South Carolina this week are being recalled by the discount store. A North Carolina company said it is recalling the cantaloupes because they could be tainted with salmonella. The fruit came from the same farm where a melon tested positive for salmonella earlier this week. No one has reported getting sick. The cantaloupes were sold from Sunday through Friday at Wal-Mart stores. Doctors said that salmonella is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections, especially in young children, the elderly and those with weakened immune systems.

May 20, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O’clock News
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Description: The American Automobile Association Carolinas said that it expects an increase in the number of travelers over the Memorial Day weekend in North Carolina and South Carolina despite a recent rise in gas prices. The travel services company predicted Tuesday that holiday travel will be up five percent from the 2008 Memorial Day weekend. Around 754,000 North Carolina drivers and 369,000 South Carolina motorists are expected to travel beginning Friday. AAA Carolinas president Dave Parsons said the desire to get away is overcoming economic downturns and recent gas price increases. He said that bodes well for the hospitality industry. The average price for a gallon of regular gas is \$2.27 in North Carolina and \$2.16 in South Carolina, which is a 25-cent increase in both states since the Easter holiday. Despite the recent jump in fuel prices, the averages are still around \$1.50 less than a year ago.

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Description: FOX Carolina will conduct two tests of its digital television signal on Thursday. The tests are scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m. and 6:23 p.m. FOX Carolina will shut down its analog signal for five minutes during the tests to show viewers whether they are ready for the digital television switch on June 12, 2009. During the test, viewers who are prepared for the switch, which is more than 90 percent of viewers in the western Carolinas, will see normal programming. Viewers who are not prepared for the DTV switch will see a message telling them just that. The message will also provide viewers with a telephone number to a helpline that will answer questions they may have about the digital television revolution. For more answers to some frequently asked DTV questions, visit our special section at <http://www.foxcarolina.com/digital-tv>.

May 21, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: New test results show what scientists have suspected -- people in their 60s and older have signs of greater immunity to the new swine [flu virus](#). Scientists think it's because older people have been exposed to other viruses in the past that are more similar to swine flu than more recent seasonal flus. But the results come from complicated lab work and calculations, and it's not yet clear how safe older people actually are from the new infection, federal officials said. "We can't say," said Dr. Anne Schuchat of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. So older people are advised to take the same precautions as their children and grandchildren. In the new analysis, CDC scientists mixed the new swine flu virus with blood samples taken in the past from people in the United States and Europe to check for antibodies that would guard against infection. The samples were taken from healthy people before the new flu surfaced. Significant protection was seen in one in three of the samples from people 60 and older, but in less than one in 10 of samples from younger adults. CDC officials said those results likely could be applied to Europe and the U.S., but they need to do more testing to find out if this would hold true in Mexico. The number of samples was small, and the lab test hasn't been verified, so cautious CDC scientists weren't willing to say it shows a clear-cut immunity in older people. However, it could have implications for how well different people do when exposed to the swine flu virus. Also, if the government pushes swine flu shots later this year, it might mean only one dose is necessary for senior citizens. CDC officials say the Asian flu in 1957 -- which was a pandemic -- and some other flu viruses after, have become common seasonal flu strains. But scientists believe that before 1957, the kind of flu that infected the country each winter was more like the new swine flu, at least in the way patients' immune systems responded. That would help explain why the new flu seems to be hitting younger people harder than older folks. Usually, the vast majority of flu-related hospitalizations are elderly people. But with the new virus, about 40 percent of those hospitalized have been in the 18 to 50 age group. For all cases -- not just those hospitalized -- more than 60 percent have been in people younger than 25. But some people born before 1957 have still been getting sick from the swine flu, and health officials are urging older people to take the same precautions as everyone else. More than 5,700 confirmed and probable cases have been reported in the United States. CDC officials say that not all people who get sick from the virus get tested, and it's possible that more than 100,000 Americans have had the infection. Worldwide, roughly 11,000 cases have been reported, with at least 85 deaths. The CDC on Thursday said it knows of nine U.S. deaths associated with the outbreak, but news reports suggest there have been at least 10. Swine flu cases seem to be decreasing in some parts of the country, based on visits to doctor's offices and hospital emergency rooms. The Southeast, Midwest and Southwest all have shown signs of decreased flu cases, Schuchat said. But New England, New York and New Jersey seem to have more swine flu activity, she said. "Just like weather, this is a local occurrence" that varies by region, said Schuchat.

May 22, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: As tens of millions tank up and hit the road for Memorial Day weekend, [gas prices](#) are rising fast enough to revive painful memories of the \$4-a-gallon summer of 2008. Rest easy: The economic slack created by the recession all but guarantees prices won't spike the way they did last year, analysts say. On Thursday, a gallon of unleaded averaged \$2.36.

That's much cheaper than the \$3.80 it cost this time last year, but prices are still up about 30 cents a gallon this month, enough to make drivers flinch. "Uh-oh," cab driver Jay Biyani said while filling up this week in Manhattan. "That's the first thing I say when I pull into this [gas station](#) each day. Right now it's not that bad, but it's a lot worse than two weeks ago." Even so, the auto club AAA estimates 32.4 million people, or about one in 10 Americans, will travel over the holiday, most of them driving. That's a slight 1.5 percent increase from 2008. Vacations make a lot more sense for many families than they did last year. Airfares, hotels and tourist attractions are all cheaper this year because of the relentless recession. Gas is no exception. For much of this year, there has been a glut of gasoline in storage around the country, keeping prices low. And demand has been light because of the poor economy. But gasoline has jumped in May. Oil refineries, trying to make money just like any other business, are taking in less oil because of the glut in gas, and those cutbacks are showing up at the pump. At the same time, prices are starting to rise for seasonal reasons. Americans drive more in summer, and federal and state laws require different, more expensive gasoline blends this time of year. The trading markets are at work, too. By mid-February, the price of oil had fallen so far -- below \$34 a barrel, compared with a peak of \$147 last July -- that large investors couldn't resist buying in. Investing momentum feeds on itself, and government data suggests speculative trades are on the rise, meaning people are buying in simply because they know they can sell for a quick profit. "There's no lack of gasoline right now or the lack of ability to produce it, and anyone who says speculators are not playing a role in this run is delusional," said Tom Kloza, publisher and chief oil analyst at the Oil Price Information Service. The same thing happened last year, to a much greater extent. Because when the Wall Street crisis struck and the economy tanked, oil prices collapsed. Gas fell to \$1.61 by the end of the year. Last May, U.S. motorists were spending about \$1.4 billion a day on gasoline, Kloza says. These days, it's only about \$874 million. And even though more people are traveling for Memorial Day, IHS Global Insight, which studies travel habits for AAA, expects Americans to take 20 million fewer trips from April to September than they did last year. Even the kind of cataclysmic event that sends gas prices into a spike, like a hurricane in the oil-rich Gulf of Mexico, probably won't push gas past \$4 a gallon this summer, analysts say. Last year, Hurricanes Gustav and Ike battered the Gulf, and gas shot to \$5 a gallon in some parts of the Southeast. But refineries were churning out gas at a much higher rate then. This year, even if a hurricane knocked out refineries along the northern Texas coast, which account for about 20 percent of U.S. gas production, refineries in Louisiana and elsewhere could pick up the slack. So how high will gas go? Darin Newsom, senior energy analyst at DTN in Omaha, Neb., said he expects the average price for regular unleaded to push \$2.80 a gallon this summer -- higher than many other forecasts. Even if a devastating hurricane strikes, he thinks prices will stay below \$3.10 a gallon. "Not everyone is running their refineries full blast," said Bill Day, a spokesman for Valero Energy Corp., North America's largest refiner. "That will certainly help cushion the blow if there's a hurricane this year." Still, even with average pump prices nearly a buck and half lower than they were a year ago, the recent increasing has some drivers fearing a repeat of last summer and tucking away money just in case. These days, Al Thomas can fill his 1999 Ford Expedition for about \$40. Last summer, it cost him twice that much. "It definitely has an effect on the way you spend money," said Thomas, who works as a manager at one Houston eatery and a bartender at another. "You might not go out to eat as much, or even visit relatives. It was the topic of every conversation last summer. I hope that's not the case this year."

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Description: The Simpsonville City Council on Tuesday night gave preliminary approval to the city's budget that includes an increase in taxes. Some city officials said the tax hike is necessary after a slow building year and a need to stabilize the city's cash flow. The first reading of the budget passed 4-1. Ward 4 Councilwoman Tammy Bagwell was the only council member who voted against the new budget. She said the city should exhaust all other means of increasing revenue before raising taxes. "I also think we have some potential ways to raise [money](#)," Bagwell said. "Whether we can raise it immediately, I don't know. I think that we need to exhaust all those efforts before we impose a tax increase on our citizens." The proposed tax hike would generate about \$700,000 in revenue, officials said. The council will take a second vote on the budget next month.

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Description: The South Carolina Department of Transportation is holding a public meeting on planned improvements to one of the state's key interstate highways. The meeting Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Laurens Elementary School will allow motorists to see plans for Interstate 385 between Columbia and Greenville. The work includes renovating the interstate from where it meets I-26 northwest for about 15 miles. Officials said they plan to widen the expressway and add wider, paved shoulders added. They said the flyover bridge connecting westbound I-26 with I-385 will also be replaced.

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Description: South Carolina ranks near the bottom nationally in Internet access with only about six in 10 people able to go online from home. The Post and Courier of Charleston reported Thursday that U.S. Census Bureau data show only six states, most of them in the South, have a lower percentage of people with home Internet access. Just under 60 percent of South Carolinians have home access. In Mississippi the figure is less than 53 percent. New Hampshire leads the nation with nearly 83 percent of residents having home access. The Census Bureau reported that states with a lot of elderly people and people who did not graduate from high school have lower percentages of Internet access.

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Description: At 7a.m. on Friday, June 12, the big change to DTV is coming to FOX Carolina. So what does that mean to you? How will you keep getting FOX Carolina? It's simple. You won't have to do ANYTHING if you watch FOX Carolina: With a direct satellite service (such as DirecTV or Dish): NOTHING! You will continue to receive the same signal as before. With regular/digital cable: NOTHING! You will continue to receive the same signal as before. Over the air on channel 35 from our Buncombe County NC translator: NOTHING! You can continue to watch our analog signal on the same channel. Over the air on channel 14 from our Buncombe County, NC translator: NOTHING! You can continue to watch our analog signal on the same channel. Over the air on channel 57 from our Haywood County, NC translator: NOTHING! You can continue to watch our analog signal on the same channel. Over the air on channel 69 from our Swain County, NC translator: NOTHING! You can continue to watch our analog signal on the same channel. Over the air on channel 64 from our [Macon](#) County, NC translator: NOTHING! You can continue to watch our analog signal on the same channel. Over the air on channel 66 from our Jackson County, NC translator: NOTHING! You can continue to watch our analog signal on the same channel. If you are already receiving FOX Carolina over the air on digital channel 57 with a TV that has a digital tuner: YOU WILL NEED TO RE-SCAN YOUR TELEVISION SIGNAL after 7a.m. on June 12. Your set should automatically pick up FOX Carolina as channel 21 after you re-scan. **However, if you watch FOX Carolina over the air on channel 21 with an antenna, YOU WILL NEED A DIGITAL CONVERTER BOX.** Don't worry! Here are some answers to common questions about a digital converter box: **Where do I get a converter box?** You can purchase a converter box at most electronic retailers such as Best Buy & Radio Shack, larger stores such as Wal Mart & Target; even stores you might not have thought of, such as Rite-Aid pharmacies! **How much does a box cost?** The prices range anywhere from \$40-\$80. The more expensive boxes offer more features. FOX Carolina recommends you purchase a box that allows "analog pass-through"...this will allow you to receive the analog signals as long as stations broadcast it, as well as the digital signals. **What about \$40 coupons the government was giving out?** The government is once again issuing coupons after running out of them earlier this year. You can contact the government at 888-DTV-2009 to be put on a list to receive a coupon when/if more coupons are issued. Coupons can only be delivered to street addresses, not PO boxes. Remember, you do not need a coupon in order to purchase a converter box! In fact, FOX Carolina recommends that if you can afford to, don't wait until you receive a coupon before purchasing your converter box. If you have not purchased the box arrives after the June 12 switch, you will not be able to see FOX Carolina on channel 21 on an analog set. **Will one box work on all of the sets in my house?** No. Each TV requires its own box. **I have a box. Should I wait until June 12 to hook it up?** No. We recommend hooking up your box as soon as possible in case you encounter any problems with your installation. **I have a box and hooked it up to my TV. Now what do I do?** Your box needs to find the digital signals using the "scan" function found in the menu screen of your box. Read your box's instructions to find out how to access the menu screen. Scanning "tunes in" the digital signal to your converter box. **I scanned for channels, but I'm not getting any local stations. Why not?** It may be that your existing antenna isn't powerful enough to receive the new digital signal. To find out the best antenna based on where you live, log on to www.antennaweb.org. As with any antenna, the higher you can get the antenna, the better your chances of reception will be. **I scanned for channels, but I'm not getting all of my local stations. Why?** Each local TV station has their broadcast towers in different areas of the Upstate and North Carolina. The best method is simply a trial-and-error process of pointing the antenna in a direction and rescanning each time you move the antenna to receive the best signal possible. In some cases, you may have to move the direction of the antenna each time you want to watch a different channel. **I scanned for FOX Carolina. Now I'm getting two channels from FOX Carolina. Am I supposed to be getting two channels?** Definitely! You are receiving our digital signal and our second digital channel. Currently, our second channel shows live FOX Carolina Weather radar. **I've hooked everything up and I'm getting FOX Carolina. So does that mean I'm seeing shows in high definition?** Not necessarily. Your TV has to have the capability of receiving the high definition part of our signal...referred to as "HD ready" or "HD capable." Generally, if your TV set is 5 years or older, it probably won't display a high definition signal. If you have tried everything on our FAQ list and you still have questions about your converter box installation, there are several locations around the Upstate where you can see how to correctly install a converter box. You can come to the FOX Carolina studios, located at 21 Interstate Court in [Greenville](#), weekdays between the hours of 9am and 5pm. You can also get help at any of the following: Radio Shack locations; Best Buy; HH Gregg Appliances; Jeff Lynch Appliance and TV Center; WYFF-TV in Greenville; WSPA-TV in Spartanburg. If you would like assistance at your house to help install DTV converter boxes, you can contact: Gsproject09@yahoo.com or callcenterdtv@rdts.com. You can call toll free 1-888-900-DTV1 (3881) or 1-866-202-4596. You can call locally at: 864-298-9834 or 864-298-9881. The FCC has set up organizations that will actually go to peoples' houses and set up their converter boxes for them. Locally, call Green Planet Construction at 1-888-508-1115. They will make the appointment. This is a free service.

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Description: A South Carolina meat processor has recalled some beef products because of possible contamination by E. coli bacteria. The U.S. Department of Agriculture said that Snow Creek Meat Processing in Seneca has recalled about 75 pounds of fresh beef trim products produced on June 2. Officials said the items were distributed in North Carolina and South Carolina for further processing. The boxes carry the establishment number EST. 20487 and a sell by date of June 2. No illnesses have been reported. Company owner Judy Tilson did not immediately return a message left by The Associated Press seeking comment.

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You can continue to watch our analog signal on the same channel. Over the air on channel 64 from our Macon County, NC translator: NOTHING! You can continue to watch our analog signal on the same channel. Over the air on channel 66 from our Jackson County, NC translator: NOTHING! You can continue to watch our analog signal on the same channel. If you are already receiving FOX Carolina over the air on digital channel 57 with a TV that has a digital tuner: YOU WILL NEED TO RE-SCAN YOUR TELEVISION SIGNAL after 7a.m. on June 12. Your set should automatically pick up FOX Carolina as channel 21 after you re-scan. **However, if you watch FOX Carolina over the air on channel 21 with an antenna, YOU WILL NEED A DIGITAL CONVERTER BOX.** Don't worry! Here are some answers to common questions about a digital converter box: **Where do I get a converter box?** You can purchase a converter box at most electronic retailers such as Best Buy & Radio Shack, larger stores such as Wal Mart & Target; even stores you might not have thought of, such as Rite-Aid pharmacies! **How much does a box cost?** The prices range anywhere from \$40-\$80. The more expensive boxes offer more features. FOX Carolina recommends you purchase a box that allows "analog pass-through"...this will allow you to receive the analog signals as long as stations broadcast it, as well as the digital signals. **What about \$40 coupons the government was giving out?** The government is once again issuing coupons after running out of them earlier this year. You can contact the government at 888-DTV-2009 to be put on a list to receive a coupon when/if more coupons are issued. Coupons can only be delivered to street addresses, not PO boxes. Remember, you do not need a coupon in order to purchase a converter box! In fact, FOX Carolina recommends that if you can afford to, don't wait until you receive a coupon before [purchasing](#) your converter box. If you have not purchased the box arrives after the June 12 switch, you will not be able to see FOX Carolina on channel 21 on an analog set. **Will one box work on all of the sets in my house?** No. Each TV requires its own box. **I have a box. Should I wait until June 12 to hook it up?** No. We recommend hooking up your box as soon as possible in case you encounter any problems with your installation. **I have a box and hooked it up to my TV. Now what do I do?** Your box needs to find the digital signals using the "scan" function found in the menu screen of your box. Read your box's instructions to find out how to access the menu screen. Scanning "tunes in" the digital signal to your converter box. **I scanned for channels, but I'm not getting any local stations. Why not?** It may be that your existing antenna isn't powerful enough to receive the new digital signal. To find out the best antenna based on where you live, log on to www.antennaweb.org. As with any antenna, the higher you can get the antenna, the better your chances of reception will be. **I scanned for channels, but I'm not getting all of my local stations. Why?** Each local TV station has their broadcast towers in different areas of the Upstate and North Carolina. The best method is simply a trial-and-error process of pointing the antenna in a direction and rescanning each time you move the antenna to receive the best signal possible. In some cases, you may have to move the direction of the antenna each time you want to watch a different channel. **I scanned for FOX Carolina. Now I'm getting two channels from FOX Carolina. Am I supposed to be getting two channels?** Definitely! You are receiving our digital signal and our second digital channel. Currently, our second channel shows live FOX Carolina Weather radar. **I've hooked everything up and I'm getting FOX Carolina. So does that mean I'm seeing shows in high definition?** Not necessarily. Your TV has to have the capability of receiving the [high definition](#) part of our signal...referred to as "HD ready" or "HD capable." Generally, if your TV set is 5 years or older, it probably won't display a high definition signal. If you have tried everything on our FAQ list and you still have questions about your converter box installation, there are several locations around the Upstate where you can see how to correctly install a converter box. You can come to the FOX Carolina studios, located at 21 Interstate Court in Greenville, weekdays between the hours of 9am and 5pm. You can also get help at any of the following: Radio Shack locations; Best Buy; HH Gregg Appliances; Jeff Lynch Appliance and TV Center; WYFF-TV in Greenville; WSPA-TV in Spartanburg; If you would like assistance at your house to help install DTV converter boxes, you can contact: Gsproject09@yahoo.com or callcenterdtv@rdtts.com.

You can call toll free 1-888-900-DTV1 (3881) or 1-866-202-4596. You can call locally at: 864-298-9834 or 864-298-9881. The FCC has set up organizations that will actually go to peoples' houses and set up their converter boxes for them. Locally, call Green Planet Construction at 1-888-508-1115. They will make the appointment. This is a free service.

June 25, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 25, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
June 25, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: JBS Swift spokesman Chandler Keys said Thursday the recall is voluntary and no [illnesses](#) have been reported. The U.S. Department of Agriculture said the products were produced on April 21-22 and were shipped to distributors and retailers in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah and Wisconsin. All the recalled beef is in boxes bearing "EST. 969" and packaging date codes of 042109 or 042209. They have case codes of 21852, 21853, 31852, 31853, 33852, 33853, 41853, 41853, 79852, 79853 or 90853. Consumers with questions about the recall may contact the company's consumer hot line at 800-555-7675.

June 26, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 26, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
June 26, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Clemson University officials said that the school has seen its first case of the H1N1 flu virus, also known as swine flu. Officials said that a student who lives off-campus came to the health center on campus with flu-like symptoms. The student is being treated with Tamiflu, officials said. Officials said the student is not attending summer classes, but it is "highly likely" that there will be more cases of the flu on campus.

Attachments



Crime

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
SECOND QUARTER 2009**

Problem/Need: **CRIME**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Saturdays	8:00pm	COPS
Saturdays (airs weekly)	8:30pm	COPS
Monday – Friday	1:00pm	COPS
Monday – Friday	1:30pm	COPS

Description: COPS follows law enforcement officers as they answer calls and deal with the subjects and victims involved in the complaints and crimes. (30:00)

Saturdays (airs weekly)	9:00pm	AMERICA'S MOST WANTED
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Description: AMERICA'S MOST WANTED is hosted by John Walsh. The show profiles fugitives and wanted criminals who are being sought by federal, state, or local authorities. The program gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. (60:00)

Saturdays (airs weekly)	2:30am	MISSING
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Description: Missing is a weekly half-hour reality series featuring actual cases of missing individuals, both adult and juvenile, from across the United States. (30:00)

Monday – Sunday	10:00 pm	FOX CAROLINA'S MOST WANTED
Monday – Friday	5:00a-9:00am	

Description: The FOX Carolina's Most Wanted airs during the Ten O'clock News on various nights Monday thru Sunday and The Morning News Monday thru Friday. Each segment profiles locally wanted criminals and gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. Each segment is 45 seconds.

April 9, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 9, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 9, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A South Carolina teenager who police said lied to her mother about being kidnapped, which led to an Amber Alert, has been charged with giving false information to police. The State [Law Enforcement](#) Division on Wednesday said 18-year-old Tajah Hilliard is also charged with unlawful use of a telephone. Hilliard left school early one day last month, then sent text messages telling her mother she had been kidnapped by two men. Nine hours later, investigators determined she left voluntarily and called off an Amber Alert. Clarendon County jail officials said Hilliard has been released but would not say if bond had been set or if she had an attorney. If convicted, Hilliard could face up to 60 days in jail.

April 10, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 10, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 10, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Henderson County deputies said they are investigating a home invasion that left one person dead and another injured on Friday morning. The home invasion happened at 2822 Howard Gap Road around 1:30 a.m. Deputies said that when deputies arrived at the home they found two residents of the home seriously injured. One of the residents, 58-year-old Joyce Corn, was taken to the hospital and treated for non-life-threatening injuries, deputies said. They said the second person, 63-

year-old Oscar Corn, Joyce Corn's husband, died as a result of his injuries. The Corns' son told FOX Carolina that three men dressed in hooded sweatshirts, one of whom was carrying a gun, broke into the Corns' home and began demanding money and jewelry. He said that his parents gave the men all they had, but the thieves demanded more. He said that his father then took the men outside to his truck and gave him all the spare change that he had. The Corns' son said that the thieves were still not satisfied and took his father back inside and demanded more money. He said the robbers ordered his mother to lay on the ground and that when she refused they hit her in the face with the gun and she passed out. He said the robbers then beat his father to death with the same gun. The Corns' son said that the couple's 12-year-old grandson hid in the closet during the ordeal and was the person who called 911. He was not harmed in the home invasion. Capt. Charlie McDonald said that investigators from the Henderson County Sheriff's Criminal Investigation Division and the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigations were at the scene. McDonald said investigators are pursuing leads and conducting interviews, but no suspect has been named in the case yet. Stay with FOX Carolina News and foxcarolina.com for the latest on this developing story.

April 13, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 13, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 13, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Deputies said someone broke into a church on Sunday night and stole thousands of dollars worth of media equipment. The theft happened at Highland Baptist Church at 3271 Highway 414 in Taylors. Deputies said that between 6:30 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 a.m. Monday someone broke into the church and stole \$8,000 worth of equipment. Some of the items stolen were CD recorders, an amplifier, an equalizer and sound board. Deputies asked anyone with information about the theft to call Crime Stoppers at 23-CRIME.

April 14, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 14, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 14, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Deputies said that 38 people were charged on Monday in the first phase of a county-wide drug operation. The Macon County Sheriff's Office said the arrests are in connection with the largest undercover narcotic investigation in the county's history. Deputies said the arrests are a culmination of more than a year of investigation by sheriff's deputies, the Drug Enforcement Agency, Franklin police and the State Bureau of Investigations. "In a collaborative effort, local, state and federal officers have worked non-stop for more than a year, including weekends and holidays," Macon County Sheriff Robert Holland said. "Because of these dedicated officers, several members of our community are out of the drug-dealing business." Investigators said that the undercover operation allowed authorities to identify both street-level drug dealers and people who transport larger quantities of narcotics into North Carolina. Undercover officers were able to purchase cocaine, crack, marijuana, methamphetamine and numerous prescription drugs, including oxycontin, xanax, hydrocodone and methadone.

April 15, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 15, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 15, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Police said they are searching for a man who stole a woman's credit cards and then used them at four locations throughout the city. According to an incident report, a Columbia woman said that her credit cards were stolen from her hotel room while she was visiting Anderson in early April. Police said that on April 4, the woman's credit cards were used at Staples, Lowe's, Home Depot and a Citgo gas station. They said the thief bought more than \$1,000 worth of goods from the stores. They said he finally stopped using the cards when they stopped working at the Staples store. Investigators said the man was caught on surveillance video leaving one of the stores. Anyone with information on the man's whereabouts was asked to call Crime Stoppers at 231-STOP.

April 15, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 15, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 15, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Police said an armed man barricaded himself in a house after a shooting in Greenville on Wednesday afternoon. The shooting happened off Roosevelt Avenue in the Nicholtown community. Police said the man believed responsible for the shooting was taken into custody at about 2:45 p.m. after a brief standoff with authorities. Witnesses said that a large group of people got into a fight just before the shooting happened. They said at least one person was injured in the shooting. Police said the person who was shot was taken to the hospital, but not by an ambulance. They said investigators are still trying to find the victim. Stay with FOX Carolina and foxcarolina.com for the latest on this developing story.

April 20, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 20, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 20, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Authorities said more than three dozen people have been cited for cockfighting after a bust in South Carolina. Hampton County Sheriff's spokeswoman Shellie Murdaugh said 37 people from South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Texas and Mexico were arrested at around 9 a.m. Saturday. First offense cockfighting is a misdemeanor that carries a fine of up to \$1,000. A judge set \$500 bond for each defendant on Saturday. Murdaugh said none of the defendants yet had attorneys.

April 20, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 20, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 20, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Greenville County sheriff's deputies are investigating an attempted kidnapping in a Simpsonville neighborhood. According to an incident report, a 13-year-old girl told deputies that she was walking a dog in Adams Run when she was approached by a man wearing dark clothing, black gloves and a black mask. The teen was walking a neighbor's dog around a pond in the neighborhood when the man grabbed her by the arm, she told investigators. The girl told investigators the dog bit the man and he fled in a white van. The girl was unable to provide any additional details about the van or the man. Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 23-CRIME.

April 20, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 20, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 20, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Union County Sheriff David Taylor said his office has signed 34 warrants in connection with Friday night's shootout in the town of Carlisle. Taylor said the shooting happened on a basketball court near the intersection of Sartor Avenue and Cambridge Street. According to Taylor, a rivalry between two gangs, one from Union and one from Carlisle, led to the shootout. "This group of individuals within the city (Union) they went down there to Carlisle, with specifically in mind, to deal with the situation -- to have a confrontation," said Taylor. "They went around the city of Union in a van, saying, 'We going to Carlisle. We got something to do down there.'" Taylor told FOX Carolina News the group from Union pulled up the basketball court around 8 p.m. Friday in a white van. He said the group from the city and the group from Carlisle got into a fight and that gunfire was exchanged between the two groups. No one was injured, Taylor said. Deputies were on scene within twelve minutes of the 911 call reporting shots fired. Witnesses said they saw a van and a Ford Explorer leaving the scene. "The community got involved. The community said, 'Yeah, that vehicle was involved. This vehicle was involved,'" said Sheriff Taylor. Both vehicles were pulled over a short time later along Highway 215. Taylor said 26 people were arrested on Friday night, and said more warrants were signed Monday on other individuals involved in the shootout. Taylor said the two groups have a past and said this shooting stemmed from an incident at Union Counties' alternative school. He said he believes this turf war is far from over. "If not in a couple weeks, a month, two months -- we'll be dealing with it again," Taylor said.

April 21, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 21, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 21, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A South Carolina magistrate has been charged with breaking into another judge's car in Columbia. State [Law Enforcement](#) Division warrants accuse Oconee County Chief Magistrate Rebecca Gerrard of Seneca with breaking into a car, simple larceny and misconduct in office. The 60-year-old Gerrard is accused of breaking into the car of Clemson Municipal Judge Deborah Culler last month and pouring a liquid on the seat and floor. Gerrard resigned the post she's held for nearly 27 years on Friday. She turned herself in Monday and was released on a personal recognizance bond. Gerrard did not immediately return a phone message to The Associated Press on Tuesday. The misconduct charge carries a maximum sentence of one year in prison. Both the larceny and breaking into a vehicle carry maximum penalties of five years in prison.

April 22, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 22, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 22, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Deputies said a man arrested after a car chase on Monday is a suspect in four robberies across the Upstate. Investigators said that on April 19, Terry Meeks robbed the Dollar General on W.O. Ezell Boulevard in Spartanburg County. They said that after that robbery, Meeks hit another Dollar General on Augusta Road in Greenville County. Three hours later, Meeks held up a Walgreens on The Parkway in Greenville County, investigators said. Then on April 20, investigators said that Meeks robbed a Family Dollar on Chesnee Highway in Spartanburg County. Deputies said that later that day, officers caught up with Meeks and another man, Robert Frasier. They said that when deputies tried to stop the car, a chase ensued. It traveled through three counties and ended in Anderson County with the arrest of both Meeks and Frasier. Meeks was charged with two counts of strong-arm robbery and was being held on \$40,000 bond. Frasier was charged with armed robbery. The judge said that in light of his extensive criminal record, Frasier's bond was denied.

April 22, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 22, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 23, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Former Greenville County Councilman Tony Trout was found guilty of illegally accessing computers on Wednesday. Prosecutors said that Trout used an e-mail to install a computer program that allowed him to secretly access Greenville County Administrator Joe Kernell's computer. They said Trout then used the program to gain access to Kernell's e-mail accounts and download documents to his own computer. Trout distributed some of the information he downloaded from Kernell's computer to another person, who alerted federal authorities, prosecutors said. The guilty verdict, which was handed down in federal court, convicted Trout on two counts of illegally accessing computers, one count of illegally intercepting an electronic communication and one count of unlawful disclosure of an electronic communication. Trout, who was released on bond until sentencing, faces a maximum fine of \$850,000 and 16 years in prison. Since his arrest in October 2008, Trout has maintained his innocence.

April 24, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 24, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 24, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Deputies said the body of a man was found in a wooded area in Greenville County on Friday. Investigators said hunters near the intersection of Rutledge Lake Road and Old Hunts Bridge Road found the body and called 911 just before noon. Deputies said they are investigating the case as a homicide and are looking through records for any missing person cases in the area. Stay with FOX Carolina and foxcarolina.com for the latest on this developing story.

April 27, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 27, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 27, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A body that was found in a wooded area in Greenville County on Friday has been identified. Deputies said the body of 32-year-old Ernest Lee Smith, of Greenville, was found in the woods off Rutledge Lake Road by two hunters. Smith was reported missing on March 11 by his mother, deputies said. Deputies said the case is being investigated as a homicide, because the Smith died as a result of a gunshot wound. Investigators said they have no suspects or motives in the case yet. Anyone with information about the case was asked to call Crime Stoppers at 23-CRIME.

April 28, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 28, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 28, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Deputies said two men held up a fast food restaurant in Moonville early Tuesday morning and walked away with money and cell phones. The incident happened at the Wendy's at 7478 Augusta Road just after midnight. Deputies said two men, believed to be in the late teens or early 20s, walked into the business and pointed guns at the employees. Investigators said that one of the bandits struck one of the employees with a pistol. They said that employee suffered some minor injuries, but did not require medical attention. Deputies said the robbers, who witnesses said were wearing black hats, black jeans and bandanas over their faces, got away with an undetermined amount of money and four cell phones belonging to the employees who were at the restaurant. A witness at the drive through told deputies the robbers ran out of the back of the restaurant and fled on foot. Anyone with information was asked to call Crime Stoppers at 23-CRIME.

April 28, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 28, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 29, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Greenville County Lt. Tim Ridgeway said a 1-year-old infant was rushed to Greenville Memorial Hospital and was placed on life support on Tuesday night. Ridgeway told FOX Carolina News that Parker firefighters responded to Lot 25 at Heritage Park on Anderson Road just before 8.p.m to a call that an infant was in cardiac arrest. Ridgeway said as crews were performing CPR on the infant they noticed bruising and open lacerations over the child's entire body. He said early indicators point to a severe case of child abuse. According to Ridgeway, the infant is in grave condition. Doctors said the baby is on life support. Ridgeway said the infant's mother, a 4-year-old child, and the woman's boyfriend were inside the trailer when emergency personnel arrived. He said the 4-year-old appeared to have no injuries. FOX Carolina was the only station on scene when deputies escorted the woman's boyfriend, 18-year-old Timothy Massey, from the trailer and placed him in the back of a patrol car. He was charged with assault and battery with intent to kill on Wednesday morning. No charges were filed against the child's mother, deputies said. Neighbors said the couple and the two children just recently moved into the trailer park. The Greenville County Coroner's office is also investigating the case.

May 1, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 1, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 1, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A man who served as superintendent in one South Carolina school district and was tapped to lead another has been charged with soliciting an immoral act in an Anderson County park. The Independent-Mail of Anderson reported Friday that 51-year-old Gary L. Burgess Sr. was arrested Wednesday and released from jail later that day. The 51-year-old educator told the paper he would not comment about the arrest and was going to hire a lawyer. Jail officials said they could not say if he had been required to post bond. Burgess was superintendent of Anderson School District 4 until last year, when he retired after a school nurse accused him of intimidation. Burgess is scheduled to start work in July as Hampton School District 2 superintendent.

May 5, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 5, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 5, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Greenville police are investigating a rash of auto break-ins at several locations across the city. Police said that over the past few days, 23 cars have been burglarized, with most of the break-ins happening over the weekend. Investigators said that in the Augusta Street area, three cars were broken into, all of which were parked at homes. They said the parking lots of Tabernacle Baptist Church and Laurel Baptist Church were also hit. Police said that items stolen from the cars included stereos, GPS units and money. "Take your purse or bag out of your car," said Cpl. Tyler Propst, with Greenville police. "Lock your car. Take out your navigators and MP3 players. Anything of any value, just take it out of sight. If you have to leave something in your car, make sure you lock it in the trunk." Police said that in many of the cases, the victims noticed something suspicious, but did not report it to police until after their cars had been broken into. Anyone with information on these burglaries was asked to call Greenville police.

May 5, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 5, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 5, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A South Carolina maximum security prison has been on lockdown for nearly a week as authorities investigate a threat. Corrections Department spokesman Josh Gelinis said Monday that inmates at the Broad River Correctional Institution are not allowed to see visitors or leave their cells during the lockdown. Gelinis refused to provide details on the threat, claiming that the information could get back to inmates. The 1,500-inmate prison has been on lockdown since last Wednesday. Authorities said lockdowns are applied when there are claims that inmate, staff or public safety could be in jeopardy.

May 5, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 5, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 5, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Police said a woman walked into a church on Sunday and pointed a shotgun at several people inside. Police said that Cynthia Watson walked into the New Faith International Church, pointed the gun at several members of the congregation and then handed it over to her mother. They said she then walked out of the church. Watson was charged with pointing and presenting a firearm at a person and aggravated assault. No one was hurt in the incident.

May 11, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 11, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 11, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Authorities issued an Amber Alert on Monday night for a North Carolina boy who they said was taken by his mother from a mall. Police said that 3-year-old James Harris was abducted from Signal Hill Mall while shopping with his grandparents. James was described as black, 3 feet tall, 40 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing a gray and black shirt, blue jeans and a green and gold jacket. Police said James' mother, 28-year-old Kira Shaw-Wright, is believed to have taken him. She was described as black, 5 feet 10 inches tall, 100 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. She was last

seen wearing an orange and black skirt and a white jacket. Authorities said they believe the pair may be traveling to Atlanta. Anyone with information on their whereabouts was asked to call 911 immediately.

May 13, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 13, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 13, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Deputies are looking for two men who they said broke into a Greenville County home on Tuesday night. The home invasion happened at a home on White Circle near White Horse Road at about 10:30 p.m. Deputies said the people who lived at the home were entertaining friends when two men dressed and black kicked in the door. "They heard something at the front door banging, and then the door kicked in," said Lt. Tim Ridgeway with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office. Deputies said that at least one of the men showed a gun. The pair got away with some personal items, deputies said. No one was hurt. Anyone with information was asked to call Greenville County Crime Stoppers at 23-CRIME.

May 13, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 13, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 13, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The personnel manager of a Greenville poultry plant has pleaded not guilty to knowingly harboring illegal aliens. Court records show Elaine Crump entered the plea in federal court Tuesday. Crump was charged after a raid on the Columbia Farms plant in Greenville. Authorities said employees scrambled to get away when federal agents raided the plant in October. Agents blocked entrances and found more than 300 workers who were in the U.S. illegally, most of whom have been deported. Crump has also pleaded not guilty to telling workers to use falsified immigration documents. Plant manager Barry Cronin has been indicted on charges of knowingly hiring illegal immigrants. The plant is owned by North Carolina-based House of Raeford.

May 13, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 13, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 13, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A Greenville man was arrested Wednesday, accused of attempting to lure a teenager into a car, deputies said. Warrants have been signed against Antonio Glenn, 35, for attempted kidnapping and indecent exposure. According to an incident report, a 14-year-old girl was walking to her bus stop on Pecan Drive at 7:26 a.m. when Glenn approached the victim in a Chrysler 300. As he approached, he opened his door and told the victim to get in the car, deputies said. Glenn was reported to have been wearing an orange shirt and no pants at the time. The victim ran away from the vehicle and spotted her godmother driving down the road toward her. Lorraine Suber picked the teen up and then began following the vehicle until they were able to get a complete tag number. Glenn was arrested on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear in court and was later positively identified in Wednesday morning's incident. Deputies said Glenn is being held at the Greenville County Detention Center without bond and is expected to be served with warrants Wednesday night.

May 22, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 22, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 22, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A new scheme has tricked some local businesses in to sending money to bail their employee out of jail, deputies said. Investigators said that two Atlanta Bread Company locations have been targeted, so far. Deputies said that someone called both restaurants and claimed to a bail bondsman. The caller stated that one of the restaurant's employees was in jail and requested help to get out. The caller then tells a restaurant manager that the money needs to be sent via Money Gram, deputies said. Investigators said that in reality there was never an employee in jail, so the money they sent vanishes. Deputies said that business owners should do a little checking before agreeing to send the money. "Call [law enforcement](#) and say, 'Hey. These people are calling. Is this legit?'" said Melissia McKinney of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office. "Law enforcement loves to help in these instances." Deputies said the sheriff's office is currently working about 200 fraud cases. They said they have noticed a surge in this type of crime since January.

May 22, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 22, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 22, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The family of a missing Simpsonville woman said Thursday that tips on her whereabouts are coming after they offered a reward in the case. Investigators said that 48-year-old Julia Ann Vess was reported missing by her husband, 48-year-old Larry Vess, on Sunday afternoon. They said Larry Vess left his home on Sunday morning and when he returned at about 1

p.m. his wife and her car were missing. Deputies said they have not ruled out foul play in the case. On Wednesday, the family offered a \$10,000 reward for information that leads to her location. Deputies would not say whether the tips that are coming in have developed into any solid leads. Julia Ann Vess was described as white, 5 feet 5 inches, 130 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. Her car was described as a 2004 silver [Toyota](#) Corolla with South Carolina license plate number AGN-309. Anyone with information on Julia Ann Vess' whereabouts was asked to call Greenville County Crime Stoppers at 23-CRIME.

May 29, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 29, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 29, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Deputies said Friday that the husband of a Simpsonville woman who went missing last week is not a suspect in her disappearance. Investigators said that 48-year-old Julia Ann Vess was reported missing by her husband, 48-year-old Larry Vess, on May 17. They said Larry Vess left his home on Sunday morning to play golf, and when he returned at about 1 p.m. his wife and her car were missing. Deputies said they have been working non-stop to locate Julia Vess and have exhausted all leads that have developed. They said in that process they were able to conclude that Larry Vess had no involvement in the disappearance of his wife. Investigators said they believe Julia Vess may have meant to harm herself and could still be in the Simpsonville area. They said that residents who own large tracts of land should check their property and see if the missing woman's vehicle, a 2004 silver [Toyota](#) Corolla, has been abandoned there. Julia Vess was described as white, 5 feet 5 inches, 130 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. The Vess family is offering a \$10,000 reward for information that helps find Julia Vess. Anyone with information on Julia Vess' whereabouts was asked to call Greenville County Crime Stoppers at 23-CRIME.

June 8, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 8, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
June 8, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A South Carolina judge has approved a settlement allowing The South [Financial](#) Group's former chief executive to keep most of his multimillion-dollar retirement package. The Greenville News reported Tuesday that Circuit Judge Ned Miller ruled the company's March agreement to pay \$500,000 to settle two lawsuits was fair. The lawsuits by shareholders claimed former CEO Mack Whittle's original \$18 million [retirement](#) package was too lucrative and his date to step down was accelerated to help the bank obtain federal bailout money. The Greenville company has denied any wrongdoing. Under the settlement, South Financial will add an independent director with a financial services background, and 75 percent of the company's board will consist of independent directors.

June 9, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 9, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
June 9, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Deputies said they confiscated more than \$80,000 in counterfeit goods at a local flea market and have arrested two people in connection with the case. The flea market is located at 2710 Whitehorse Road. Deputies said they began investigating the operators of two booths at the flea market on Saturday. Investigators said that the merchandise for sale at the booths included DVDs, CDs, brand name [apparel](#) like Coogi, Polo, Nike, NFL, NBA, Coach, Gucci, and Dooney and Burke. Deputies said that a private investigator hired by some of the companies helped local investigators to determine the merchandise was fake using security features on the items' tags and labels. Wayne Boyd, 51, of [Greenville](#), was charged with trafficking in counterfeit goods valued at \$50,000 or more. He was released on \$10,000 bond. Kip Hughes, 31, of Easley, was charged with illegal distribution of sound recordings. He was released on \$3,000 bond.

June 10, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 10, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
June 10, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Federal prosecutors said that a Greer man was indicted by a grand jury on Tuesday on charges of making false statement and fraudulently obtaining federal disability benefits. Prosecutors said that 67-year-old Harold Kirby misled the U.S. [Railroad](#) Retirement Board regarding his eligibility for about \$150,000 in federal disability benefits by failing to disclose his income earned as a realtor. If convicted, Kirby faces 15 years in prison and a fine of \$500,000.

June 10, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 10, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
June 10, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Police said that 11 people were arrested and three more are wanted in connection with a drug investigation in Greer. Police said that a two-month-long joint investigation between the Greer Police Department and the State Law Enforcement Division ended with the arrests on Tuesday. Police said the following people were arrested in connection with the investigation: Darrell Burnett, 25-year-old Christopher Cohen, 21-year-old Chadrick Dodd, 22-year-old Pierre Dupree, 27-year-old Terry Fielder, 18-year-old Travamian Grayson, 34-year-old Eric Hoke, 44-year-old James Mitchell, 32-year-old Leroy Montgomery and 34-year-old Jimmy Young. Dodd, Fielder, Hoke, and Mitchell were charged with distribution of cocaine. Cohen and Montgomery were charged with trafficking cocaine. Dupree was charged with distribution of marijuana and distribution of marijuana within a half-mile of a school. Grayson was charged with distribution of marijuana. Young was charged with possession of cocaine. Police said they are also looking for James Woodruff, James Rector and Martin Williams in connection with the case. Anyone with information on their whereabouts was asked to call 864-848-2151.

Attachments



Education

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
SECOND QUARTER 2009**

Problem/Need: **EDUCATION**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
April 15, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 15, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 15, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The school board in Union County is considering banning students from carrying cell phones at school. The Union Daily Times reports the board gave preliminary approval to the ban Monday, with a final vote expected later this month. Chairman Wanda All said students have recently used cell phones to take pictures of exams and send them to students in later periods. Last month, a rumor of a gang fight or shooting spread through students by text messages, requiring police to come and investigate. If the ban passes, any cell phone found on a student would be confiscated until the end of the school year. Current school policy lets students carry cell phones, but they must be turned off and kept out of sight.

April 27, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 27, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 27, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A private [school](#) in South Carolina closed Monday after some students returned from Mexico with flu-like symptoms. Newberry Academy's decision to close came as the number of suspected swine flu cases in Mexico climbed past 1,600 and the death toll past 100. At least 11 cases have been confirmed in the U.S. Newberry Academy officials said in a statement that seniors were in Mexico earlier this month and some had flu-like symptoms when they returned. Calls to the school by The Associated Press went unanswered Monday. State Department of Health and Environmental Control spokesman Jim Beasley said test results on the students could come back as early as Monday afternoon. Robert Dawkins, the school's headmaster, told The State newspaper that all but one of the 15 students who became sick after visiting Mexico has recovered. DHEC has stepped up efforts to investigate all flu cases in South Carolina. There have been no confirmed swine flu cases in the state.

April 27, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 27, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 27, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A Clemson University economist was among three people police said were gunned down by a University of Georgia professor over the weekend. Clemson spokesman John Gouch said Monday the school confirmed that Tom Tanner was shot outside a community theater in Georgia on Saturday. Tanner was a member of a theater group that was staging a performance at the Athens Community Theater. A nationwide manhunt continued Monday for the suspected gunman, 57-year-old George Zinkhan. Zinkhan is also wanted in the death of his wife, 47-year-old Marie Bruce, and 63-year-old Ben Teague, a member of the theater group. Police said that an argument erupted between Zinkhan and Bruce shortly before the shooting. Tanner taught in the university's Strom Thurmond Institute of Government and Public Affairs.

April 27, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 27, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 27, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Officials at Duke University have scheduled a meeting to discuss the nation's swine flu emergency and how to respond. Spokesman David Jarmul said Monday's closed-door meeting is a precaution. He said school officials will discuss how to plan for a potential outbreak and how to communicate such an emergency to the Duke community. The meeting was coordinated by school President Richard Brodhead, and involves health officials, the Office of Student Affairs and the Communications Office. Mike Merson, the head of Duke's global health program, also will participate. Federal health officials said 40 confirmed cases of swine flu have been found in the U.S., but no one has died. About 1,600 swine flu infections have been reported in Mexico, and the illness is being blamed for nearly 150 deaths.

April 28, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 28, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 28, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The Union County School board voted on Monday night to prohibit students from using their cell [phones](#) while at school. The board met on Monday night to hash out the final details of the ban. According to the rule, students may have a cell [phone](#) in their possession, but cannot use them during school hours. The rule covers texting and playing games. If a student is caught using the cell phone, it will be confiscated until the end of the year. The new rule goes into effect immediately.

April 30, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 30, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 30, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Mauldin High School will be closed Thursday after students reported flu-like symptoms amid a national heightened alert about [swine flu](#), Greenville County Schools communications director Oby G. Lyles said. The school will be cleaned and disinfected Thursday, Lyles said. Sixteen to 18 students of 70 who went to Disney World in Florida on a band trip have reported flu-like symptoms, according to the district. Tests are pending at the Department of Health and Environmental Control to determine whether the students have the H1N1 virus. District officials will call parents of the band students about their children's increased risk of exposure to flu, Lyles said. Officials were calling all families of Mauldin students Wednesday to tell them about the closing. Information for parents about viral diseases is being sent to the schools. Other Greenville County schools are being asked to monitor students and report flu-like symptoms to the district's health services coordinator, Lyles said.

April 30, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 30, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 30, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Mauldin High School was closed Thursday and will also be closed on Friday after students reported flu-like symptoms amid a national heightened alert about swine flu, Greenville County Schools communications director Oby G. Lyles said. The school was cleaned and disinfected on Thursday, Lyles said. He said the school is waiting to be notified by health officials that the school is safe before it reopens. Sixteen to 18 students of 70 who went to Disney World in Florida on a band trip have reported flu-like symptoms, according to the district. Tests are pending at the Department of Health and Environmental Control to determine whether the students have the H1N1 virus. District officials will call parents of the band students about their children's increased risk of exposure to flu, Lyles said. Officials were calling all [families](#) of Mauldin students Wednesday to tell them about the closing. Information for parents about viral diseases is being sent to the schools. Other Greenville County schools are being asked to monitor students and report flu-like symptoms to the district's health services coordinator, Lyles said.

May 1, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 1, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 1, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A few South Carolina schools were closed and dozens of people were asked to voluntarily isolate themselves as officials tried to control the spread of swine flu. Officials at Newberry Academy and Mauldin High School said they canceled classes on Friday to help lower the risk of spreading the new virus, which is now being referred to as H1N1 by the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control. The Newberry County School District also canceled classes in its 14 schools on Friday. Officials at the Department of Health and Environmental Control said South Carolina has 13 confirmed cases of swine flu, and the number of confirmed, "probable" and "suspected" cases is expected to increase. The 13 cases that have been confirmed in South Carolina are all linked to a group of students in Newberry County, officials said. They said the students returned from a recent trip to Mexico and became ill. The headmaster of Newberry Academy said most of the students who were ill have recovered. Dozens of people who likely have swine flu have been asked to stay home. The nation's swine flu caseload has passed 100, and nearly 300 schools are closed across the country, affecting nearly 150,000 students.

May 8, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 8, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 8, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Officials at Spartanburg School District 5 said that they will be adding 26 jobs in the upcoming school year. Leaders said the jobs are needed because the district is growing. They said more than 400 students moved into the school system last year. Dr. Scott Turner, Spartanburg District 5 superintendent, said the school system has already budgeted for the jobs. "We have some capital things that are built into our budget that we cut back on that will enable us, for a year, to cover the salaries," Turner said. "We feel like, at least for the next year or two, we will get through, even if we have to go into our reserve funds. Turner said that some of the jobs have already been filled.

May 10, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Spartanburg County deputies said they are investigating allegations of hazing in connection with the baseball teams at Woodruff High School. Investigators said they first learned about the accusations on Friday afternoon after school district leaders notified the school resource officer at the school. Deputies said the allegations involve physical acts of hazing. They said the actions of both the junior varsity and varsity players are being investigated. "Once the reports are done and the interviews are done, we will get a clear picture whether it's varsity versus JV or a combination," said Master Deputy Tony Ivey with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office. Coaches, players and faculty at the school are being interviewed, deputies said. "We are going to interview as many people as we possibly can who may have had some knowledge of this, either first- or second-hand knowledge," Ivey said. South Carolina law defines hazing as "the wrongful striking, laying open hand upon, threatening with violence or offering to do bodily harm by a superior student to a subordinate student with intent to punish or injure the subordinate student, or unauthorized treatment by the superior student of a subordinate student of a tyrannical, abusive, shameful, insulting or humiliating nature." According to the law, a student found guilty of hazing may be dismissed, expelled, suspended or punished as the principal considers appropriate. Spartanburg District 4 Superintendent Rallie Liston said he hopes the investigation will be wrapped up by the end of the week.

May 13, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 13, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 13, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Officials said that planned cuts to the budget of Greenville County [Schools](#) will affect 248 teachers in the district. On Tuesday, the [school](#) board presented a \$441 million budget that includes about \$19.6 million in federal stimulus money. Officials said that despite the federal money the budget still includes \$11 million in cuts. School officials said the cuts mean that students will deal with bigger class sizes and the amount of courses may decrease. They said will also affect hundreds of teachers. "We'll be able to place those 248 individuals in positions across the district," said Oby Lyles, spokesman for Greenville County Schools. "We also have the challenge of placing non-instructional staff in positions, which is a little more difficult because those positions are more limited." The budget was approved by the Board of Trustees approved the budget on its first reading. The budget must pass two more readings before it becomes official. The second reading of the budget will be June 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the J. Floyd Hall Administrative Center.

May 13, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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May 13, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Furman University president David Shi said he will retire next year, after leading the Greenville [school](#) for 16 years. The school said Wednesday that the 57-year-old Shi plans to step down June 30, 2010. Shi is the tenth president of the private, liberal arts school in its 183-year history. He is a 1973 Furman graduate who became president in 1994. Shi said he told trustee leaders 18 months ago to begin planning for his retirement. Furman Board of Trustees chair Kathy Crum McKinney praised Shi for his tenure and said the panel plans to have a successor named before he leaves. Shi said he wants to return to teaching and writing about American history.

May 13, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 13, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 13, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: South Carolina legislators again have killed a bill that would allow taxpayer money to be used to help parents send their children to private schools. The Senate Education Committee on Wednesday sent the bill back to a subcommittee, essentially killing the proposal. The subcommittee had advanced the bill two weeks ago with a negative recommendation. Senators unanimously approved a bill requiring districts to expand choices within public schools. Sen. Larry Grooms said he will try to attach private school choice to the measure on the Senate floor. An effort to do that in committee failed 11-to-4. The idea of helping parents afford private tuition through tax credits and scholarships has failed repeatedly in the Legislature since 2004. The latest version provided tax credits of up to \$4,900.

May 14, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 14, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 14, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Students at Grove Elementary School have returned to class after an odor forced the evacuation of students and faculty on Thursday morning. Oby Lyles, with Greenville County Schools, said the Gantt Fire Department investigated the cause of the smell. He said that investigators determined that clothing with a solvent scent was the source of the odor. A parent of one of the students told FOX Carolina that her child smelled some type of chemical. No one was injured in the incident.

May 28, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 28, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30

May 28, 2009

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The Morning News

Description: When school starts next fall, Teach for America will send an unprecedented number of college graduates to teach in poor communities across the country -- but not as many as the group would like. Teach for America this year chose 4,100 recruits from more than 35,000 applications. While the group has never accepted every applicant, this was the first time it had to turn down people who met all its rigorous criteria. "For the last nine years, really the only constraint on our growth has been recruits, just finding enough people who we really believe are ready for this," said Wendy Kopp, the group's founder and chief executive. "This is the first year when we've had to turn away people who would have met our admission bar in any previous year," Kopp said. The constraint is the economy. Tighter budgets have forced some school districts to cut back on hiring, though overall 500 more spots for Teach for America are available this year. Also, those who give to nonprofits like Teach for America are either holding the line or cutting back on their charitable giving, which pays for training and professional development for the recruits. Despite the belt-tightening, some communities expect an influx of new teachers from the program, especially in rural areas. South Louisiana and the Mississippi Delta will have more than double the number of recruits this year. In Mississippi, state schools chief Hank Bounds asked Teach for America for at least 200 new teachers. Bounds believes the program's high-achieving graduates will play an important role in turning around his state's struggling schools. Children suffer from poverty in Mississippi at a greater rate than the national average. And fourth-graders there trail the nation and region in reading and math, though they have made gains since 2003, according to the Southern Regional [Education](#) Board. The South holds particular interest for some recruits. Yale graduate David DeAngelis asked specifically for assignment to the Delta, and he spent the past year teaching music in tiny Marianna, Ark., near the west bank of the Mississippi. "You become part of the community almost immediately, part of the lives of students, of students' families," DeAngelis said. "It's a very rich and powerful experience, from the very beginning." Urban schools are also asking for more. In Baltimore, school officials asked Teach for America to send 150 new teachers, twice the number of last year's recruits. However, Teach for America still needs to raise \$500,000 to pay for the increase. Interest in becoming a teacher has soared amid the recession, especially in programs that get people quickly into the classroom. Teach for America, for example, provides five weeks of intensive summer training before the school year begins and requires a two-year commitment from its recruits. Other programs help people switch from other careers into teaching. One of the largest is the New Teacher Project, which has seen a surge in applications like that of Teach for America. Teach for America has endured its share of criticism. Recruits are less likely to stay in the classroom than those who come from traditional colleges of education, although opponents point out that the low-income schools where they work have much higher turnover anyway. Still, after their two-year commitment, two-thirds of Teach for America alumni are still working in education, according to the organization. About one-third are working as classroom teachers, and others are in administrative jobs such as principal or school superintendent. Opponents have also questioned the effectiveness of TFA teachers, although a growing body of research suggests they are as effective or more effective than teachers who followed more traditional routes to the classroom.

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The Morning News

Description: South Carolina's schools chief told concerned teachers and parents that budget cuts and Gov. Mark Sanford's refusal to take federal stimulus [cash](#) have left district officials with tough choices. State Superintendent Jim Rex met Thursday with local residents and educators at a Greenville high school. The audience included teachers who have been told they do not have jobs next school year. Rex said that during the [meeting](#) other teachers said they were worried that their jobs would be next, while parents said they worried that their children's education would suffer. The meeting came before Greenville County school district officials give final approval to budget plans for the school year that starts July 1. The plan given initial approval earlier this month includes federal stimulus cash that is the subject of several lawsuits. Rex said district officials are still hopeful the money will arrive.

June 1, 2009

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June 2, 2009

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The Morning News

Description: Hundreds of people packed into South Carolina's annual job fair for teachers on Monday as jobseekers competed for limited classroom openings. The state Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement held its 21st annual job fair at the state Fairgrounds. Just 40 percent of the state's school districts attended this year's fair, and some of those posted no openings. Attendees stood in long lines in the hopes of setting up an interview. Only 300 teaching jobs have been listed statewide. Some jobseekers said positions listed as open were filled before they were able to reach a particular district's booth. Districts across the state have eliminated positions amid recession budget cuts and the uncertainty over whether they will get federal stimulus cash meant for education that Gov. Mark Sanford has refused to request.

June 3, 2009

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The Ten O'clock News

June 3, 2009

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June 3, 2009

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The Morning News

Description: Greenville County Schools has put off finalizing its budget for next year until the South Carolina [Supreme Court](#) makes a decision on lawsuits over federal stimulus money. The school board announced their decision during a public hearing on the budget held on Tuesday night. The \$441 million plan includes more than \$19 million in federal stimulus [money](#), which is tied up in a court battle right now. "Our priority is to continue to fund our teachers and to make sure we have classrooms with the appropriate materials, such as supplies and up to date technology," said Dr. Phinnize Fisher. "We must continue with our children and their education. Fisher said the budget will be adjusted if the Supreme Court rules in favor of Gov. Mark Sanford, who is refusing to accept stimulus money. She said some materials, supplies and jobs at the central office would get cut without the stimulus cash. The new budget would also eliminate nearly 250 teaching positions, Fisher said. She said that would mean class size would increase by an average of one student.

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The Morning News

Description: Students at two Upstate technical colleges will pay more for tuition this fall. Tri-County Technical College said it will increase tuition by \$54, bringing the cost of one semester to \$1,512. School officials said the rate increase will generate an extra \$500,000 during the next school year. The Greenville News reported on Tuesday that Greenville Technical College plans to raise its tuition in the fall, as well. According to the newspaper, the school's tuition will increase by 3 percent. That's averages out to about \$48 per student per semester.

June 4, 2009

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The Ten O'clock News

June 4, 2009

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June 4, 2009

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The Morning News

Description: A Clemson University staffer has accused the school of manipulating its U.S. News & World Report ranking. Catherine Watt spoke in Atlanta on Tuesday at a meeting of the Association for Institutional Research. Watt led Clemson's institutional research office until 2006. She said Clemson manipulated class sizes, artificially boosted faculty salary [data](#) and gave rival schools low grades to improve the school's ratings by the magazine. Watt said Thursday that reports about her remarks missed the point of her presentation and she regrets any suggestion of illegal activity. Clemson has denied several allegations but said it tries to improve its ranking. The university issued a three-page response that didn't name Watt but called the reported statements "outrageous." The university denied that "all decisions at Clemson are driven by rankings" and denied reporting faculty salary data differently to U.S. News. The "insinuation of unethical behavior crosses the line," the statement said. "We do believe that things like class size, graduation rates, student-to-faculty ratio and faculty compensation are important, and we pay attention to them," said a statement from Dori Helms, provost and vice president for academic affairs for the university. "We have made decisions to enhance faculty resources and student support -- because it was the right thing to do. We would not tolerate any efforts to manipulate data, and neither President (James F.) Barker nor I would manipulate the data in ranking other institutions. We are proud of other institutions that represent quality higher education in this country and would not want to detract from their reputations." Clemson had jumped from No. 38 in public universities in 2001 to No. 22 in 2008. Watt now works at the Strom Thurmond Institute at Clemson.

June 9, 2009

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The Ten O'clock News

June 9, 2009


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News at 6:30

June 9, 2009

5a-9:00am

The Morning News

Description: South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford said in a letter to U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan that he's only requesting federal stimulus cash for the state's schools because of a court order. Sanford released the letter Monday, along with an application that should bring nearly \$700 million in federal cash to the state's schools and colleges over the next two years. Sanford said the money is part of a destructive federal policy and will create more problems. In the letter, Sanford also said he cannot promise the state will meet requirements for getting the cash imposed by the Education Department. The South Carolina [Supreme Court](#)  ordered last week that Sanford must request the money, ending his months-long fight to block it.

June 25, 2009

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

June 25, 2009

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News at 6:30

June 25, 2009

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The Morning News

Description: The Herald of Rock Hill reported that the board of trustees' executive committee voted Thursday to raise South Carolina students' tuition to \$5,803 per semester. Out-of-state students will pay an extra 4.3 percent, a total of \$10,798 per

semester. Winthrop President Anthony DiGiorgio said the 4 percent merely covers inflation and the [school](#) could have used twice as much. He said this is not the year for such an increase.

June 26, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 26, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
June 26, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: USC Upstate men's basketball coach Eddie Payne has gotten a two-year contract extension. Payne's deal was approved Friday by the University of South Carolina board of trustees. The coach's deal had been set to expire in 2011. The new agreement keeps him with the Spartans through 2013. Payne will start his eighth season with the Spartans this fall. USC Upstate went 9-21 this past winter. The former NCAA Division II program has spent [the past](#) two seasons transitioning to Division I status.

June 29, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 29, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
June 29, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: There's a new president at the National PTA -- and it's a man. Chuck Saylor of [Greenville](#) was installed as the group's first-ever male president at its national convention this weekend. The organization was once known as the Congress of Mothers, but now has Saylor as president and Byron V. Garret as its first-ever male chief executive officer. Saylor has been a PTA member for almost 20 years. He and his wife, Teresa, have four children, ages 9 to 24. He said he's been motivated by getting all [parents](#) involved in the educational system.

Attachments



Environment

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
SECOND QUARTER 2009**

Problem/Need: **ENVIRONMENT**

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April 2, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 2, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 2, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Officials said a chemical spill at a plant on Wednesday forced an evacuation. The spill happened at the Trade Center on Wingo Heights Road around 5 p.m. Firefighters said that a non-hazardous chemical was spilled and the plant was evacuated as a precaution. They said a few workers complained of feeling nauseous. Hazmat crews were called in to clean up the chemical. No one was injured in the spill, firefighters said.

April 2, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 2, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 2, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: South Carolina peach farmers said Friday that conditions in their orchards so far this year are, well, peachy. Clemson University horticulture program leader Desmond Layne said peach trees got plenty of low temperatures over the winter to assure good development and growth in the spring. Layne told the Herald-Journal of Spartanburg that the biggest worry over the first two weeks of April is a crippling freeze, but if farmers make it to April 15, they should have an excellent crop. One other worry in a wet season like this year is the brown rot fungus, which can be resistant to some treatment. Clemson scientists said they have developed a test that can pinpoint the type of fungus and the best way to fight it.

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April 3, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 3, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Emergency workers were keeping a close eye on the Pacolet River on Thursday as heavy rains caused the waters to rise. Waters spilled over the river's banks because felled trees jammed the flood gates shut, officials from the Converse [Fire Department](#) said Thursday. Damage was contained to a garage and several cars near the river, but officials said five homes were in jeopardy if the river continued to rise. Neighbors said they were nervously watching the water levels. "There's (some) houses back behind us where the water has spilled over to the land close to their homes, so we are praying for them," said Laura Jones, who lives near the river. "I'm just hoping and praying that it won't get too bad," said Tommy McKinney, another resident who lives nearby. "I feel for the people that already have problems." [The National Weather Service](#) said the water level being reported near Converse was down to 4.48 feet and was continuing to fall on Friday morning. Meteorologists said the forecast is for water levels to continue their downward trend.

April 6, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 6, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 6, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The western Carolinas can expect more winter-like weather for the first week of April, forecasters said on Monday. The National Weather Service issued a winter storm warning for Graham, Swain, northern Jackson, Haywood, Madison, Yancey and Mitchell counties in western North Carolina from 6 p.m. Monday to 8 a.m. Tuesday. A winter weather advisory was also issued for Buncombe County from 6 p.m. Monday to 8 a.m. Tuesday. Meteorologists said that rain showers will change to snow showers by Monday afternoon and increase in coverage and intensity on Monday night. They said the snow should taper off by Tuesday morning. Some locations could see as much as 4 inches of snow in the warning area, meteorologists said, especially the higher elevations and western slopes. In the advisory area, forecasters predicted between 1 and 2 inches of snow will fall. In the Upstate and the mountains, forecasters issued a freeze watch from late Tuesday night

through Wednesday morning. Meteorologist Melissa Jones said that temperatures on Wednesday morning will drop below freezing for a majority of the mountains and Upstate. Forecasters said these cold temperatures could kill crops and other sensitive vegetation. Temperatures were forecast to rebound to more spring-like levels by the end of the week.

April 7, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 7, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 7, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: An environmental advocacy group said that high levels of phosphorus and sediment have led it to name South Carolina's Saluda River as the sixth most endangered river in the nation. The State of Columbia reported that the group American Rivers blames phosphorus discharges from wastewater plants and sediment runoff from the development of former timberland for the river's problems. The report called for local governments to do a better job of regulating development, such as requiring more open space in subdivisions and more vegetation alongside streams. The Saluda River begins in the mountains near Greenville and runs toward Columbia, where it joins the Broad River.

April 7, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 7, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 7, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A late freeze that was forecast for the Upstate on Tuesday night has some farmers keeping a close eye on their crops. It was just last week that peach farmers said they had a great start to their season; however, with temperatures expected to dip below freezing by Wednesday morning, those same farmers are hoping their crops will not be damaged. [The National Weather Service](#) issued a freeze warning for much of the Upstate from Tuesday night to Wednesday morning. They said temperatures will be cold enough that sensitive vegetation could be affected. One farmer said he spent much of Monday covering up his strawberries to protect them from the freezing temperatures. He said there is not much they can do to protect their peach trees because there are just so many of them. People who may have planted a garden or flowers during last weekend's 70-degree weather should be cautious about the cold, as well, forecasters said. Garden experts said that if a plant cannot be brought inside, people should cover them with a cloth or pine straw to protect them from the frost. "If you've got sheets or blankets, those are great to drape over things," said Jay Moore with Carolina Garden World. "If you've got plants that are just emerging out of the soil you can go and take pine needles and just fluff them up around the plant and over the plant. That seems to work well." Moore said that, as a general rule, a garden shouldn't be planted until at least April 15 to avoid any late frosts. In the mountains of North Carolina, several locations picked up at least some snowfall on Monday night. The heaviest accumulations were along the Tennessee border. Many schools in the area were either closed or delayed on Tuesday because of the inclement weather. Forecasters said the snow will continue off and on through Wednesday morning.

April 9, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 9, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 9, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Forecasters said an approaching cold front could bring severe thunderstorms to parts of South Carolina. [The National Weather Service](#) said the greatest risk for strong storms Friday will be north of Interstate 20 and west of Interstate 77. Forecasters said the biggest risk is from hail and strong winds, but there is a chance of isolated tornadoes too. They said the storms should move across the area from 4 p.m. to midnight. The Storm Prediction Center has placed the western half of South Carolina a small portion of western North Carolina under a moderate risk of severe storms, which only happens a few times a year.

April 13, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 13, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 13, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The National Weather Service said its surveyors determined that seven tornadoes touched down in the Upstate during Friday night's storms, the strongest of which was reported in Abbeville. According to a survey report posted on its Web site, the NWS said that the Abbeville [tornado](#) touched down about 3 miles northwest of the city near Highway 71 and Rock Hill Road. They said the tornado eventually lifted about a mile southeast of

town. Surveyors said that numerous large hardwood and pine trees were uprooted or snapped off along the damage path. They said that there was considerable structural damage to several homes, six of which had roofs ripped from them. Many mobile homes were destroyed as well, they said. The NWS said the damage that was observed was consistent with wind speeds of between 120 and 130 mph, making this tornado an EF2 on the Enhanced Fujita Scale. That scale ranges from EF0 to EF5. Two Tornadoes Reported In Greenwood: Surveyors said that in Greenwood, the tornado touched down about 3 miles west of Greenwood and traveled west to southern parts of the city. The report said that numerous medium to large hardwood trees and pine trees were uprooted or snapped off along the damage path. Serious damage was largely related to trees falling on structure, they said. The NWS said that a second and shorter damage track was seen about 2 miles north of Karlie Road on the north side of Greenwood. They said that tornado damage several homes and blew down several trees. Surveyors said that the damage that was observed near Greenwood was consistent with winds speeds between 100 and 110 mph, making these EF1 tornadoes. Tornado Confirmed In Townville: The NWS said that their damage assessment team found an area of tornado damage south of Townville in Anderson County. They said the storm that produced this tornado also produced a tornado in Franklin County, Ga., a few minutes before. Surveyors said they observed a 4-mile-long path of damage that was about 400 yards wide from near the Georgia state line to near the city of Anderson. Damage included uprooted or snapped-off trees and damage to homes from felled trees. This storm packed winds of between 100 and 110 mph, making it an EF1 on the Enhanced Fujita Scale. Tornado Reported In Jonesville: Surveyors also reported an EF1 tornado in Jonesville that damaged trees, homes and businesses in the area. The NWS said that 4-mile-long path of damage began near the intersection of Proctor and Zig Zag roads where several trees were uprooted and snapped off. They said a fence was also blown over. Not far from there, a mobile home was destroyed and another severely damaged, they said. The damage culminated with considerable roof damage at the Milliken Plant off Bob Little Road, surveyors said. The tornado packed winds of about 105 mph, surveyors said. A few other locations also experienced tornadoes on Friday night. To read the entire damage assessment report from the NWS, [click here](#).

April 15, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 15, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 15, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: South Carolina has received several rounds of much-needed rain in the past few weeks, and a special committee is set to decide if it is enough to improve the state's drought status. The Drought Response Committee last met in February, placing nine counties in the northwest corner of South Carolina in extreme drought, the most serious category. Conditions improved toward the coast, with the eastern half of the state under the most moderate drought conditions. In the two months since, the heaviest rains in South Carolina have fallen over the areas that need it the most. The Greenville area has received 10 inches of rain, while about seven inches has fallen around Columbia. The drought committee meets at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Columbia.

April 16, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 16, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 16, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Rains over the past two months have helped improve the drought situation in all of South Carolina. The state's Drought Response Committee met Wednesday and decided the drought is over in 27 of South Carolina's 46 counties. Nine counties north and west of Columbia remain in the lowest classification of incipient drought, while 10 counties in the northwest corner are in the next step up -- a moderate drought. Since mid-February, the heaviest rains in South Carolina have fallen over the areas that need it the most. The Greenville area has received 10 inches of rain, while about 8 inches has fallen around Columbia. But committee member Dennis Chastain said groundwater levels remain low because drought has plagued South Carolina for most of the past decade.

April 20, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 20, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 20, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A panel set up to study the feasibility of generating power with wind energy farms is having its first meeting. The Wind Energy Production Farms Feasibility Committee is scheduled to hold a meeting Monday in Columbia. The panel

was established by a law passed last year as legislators looked at an array of alternative energy measures, including tax breaks for homeowners and small electric power generators. The panel's initial meeting will involve a briefing on the status of past and current wind energy projects in the state with presentations by Santee Cooper, Coastal Carolina University and the Savannah River National Laboratory.

April 22, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 22, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 22, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: South Carolina arborists have joined a national effort to bring a depleted species of trees back from the brink of extinction. Two American chestnut trees will be donated and planted at Riverbanks Zoo and Garden during a ceremony Wednesday. The trees were given to the state Forestry Commission by North Carolina officials who have led efforts to regrow the tree's population. The South Carolina Forestry Commission has given the trees to the Columbia zoo, where they will be monitored and used as an educational tool. A fungal disease in the 1900s nearly eliminated the American chestnut tree. Experts estimate that around 4 billion trees nationwide were destroyed by the disease.

April 23, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 23, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 23, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A coastal wildfire spread early Thursday toward one of the busiest tourist stretches in South Carolina, burning dozens of homes and forcing hundreds to flee in the middle of the night. No injuries were reported. Police banged on doors to awaken residents as strong winds helped the blaze cut a four-mile-wide swath through forests and scrub toward the Barefoot Landing development, a sprawling complex of houses, condominiums and golf courses separated from the main route through Myrtle Beach by the Intracoastal Waterway. "It was like something out of a movie," said Danielle Prater, 25, of Charlotte, N.C., who woke her aunt and uncle at 1:30 a.m. after seeing flames several feet high racing through a neighbor's back yard. "I ran and got them and we got out of there as fast as we could." Officials hoped the waterway would act as a natural firebreak to protect more populated areas closer to the beach. State officials said as many as 70 homes had been destroyed and Garry Alderman, the county fire chief, described some as left with only "skeletal remains. . "I've never seen anything this bad," he said. The governor declared a state of emergency for the county. About 2,500 people in a four-mile stretch on the western side of the waterway were told to leave their homes overnight, said North Myrtle Beach spokeswoman Nicole Aiello. Shelters were set up at North Myrtle Beach City Hall and the House of Blues, where about 50 people watched a television over the bar looking for news updates. More than 100 others milled about, some waiting in their cars outside, where a white haze settled over the parking lot and the acrid smell of smoke was pervasive. "What we have on is what we got away with," said Sherlene Pinnix, 63. A cause of the fire, which started a day earlier in a wooded area west of the beach, had not been determined. The governor's office said more than 15,000 acres, or about 23 square miles, had been scorched by early Thursday morning. Flames jumped highways and walls of smoke engulfed tourist attractions as 30 mph gusts blew toward the ocean. Winds were expected to be weaker Thursday, but officials still feared the blaze could jump the waterway. Besides the wind, Horry County Fire Rescue spokesman Todd Cartner said crews were having trouble getting to the flames because of the dense vegetation and were using plows and tractors to cut paths to it. Adding to the problem were heavily vegetated patches called Carolina Bays that caught fire and fueled the blaze. The shallow, egg-shaped depressions pockmark the coast and range in size from a few to thousands of acres. The bays are densely filled with plant life and often have boggy bottoms where peat, if it catches fire, can burn for days or weeks. Tropical downpours are often needed to extinguish such fires, said state Forestry Commission spokesman Scott Hawkins. "Once you get a fire in a bay, it's very, very hard to put out," he said. The area is the anchor of the state's \$16 billion annual tourist industry, drawing college students for its low-cost spring break and families who fill miles of budget beachfront hotels along the coast from Memorial through Labor Day. Tens of thousands of golfers visit each year, and some of the region's courses are among the most highly regarded in the nation. Just off the coast, subdivisions and golf courses have been carved from forest and swamps over decades and the area remain prone to wildfires that spring up in the woods and scrub. Cartner said it was the worst blaze since some 30,000 acres, or 47 square miles, burned in 1976. On Wednesday, gray-white smoke engulfed the restaurant row between Myrtle Beach and North Myrtle Beach. It looked like a winter fog, with car headlights and neon signs peeking through the haze. Several miles west of the tourist strip, 15 people gathered in a church shelter set up when their subdivision was threatened. At a shelter set up Wednesday when the fire threatened a subdivision, Jo Hillman, 52, joined her husband, Chuck, and 13 other people at a shelter set up at the Tilly Swamp Baptist Church about midway between Conway and North Myrtle Beach. As a prayer meeting went on inside, Jo Hillman and her husband recalled

the tense moments as the fire started spreading. "First they said 'You've got 15 minutes.' Then they said 'Get out now,'" said Jo Hillman, 52.

April 24, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 24, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 24, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: South Carolina's forest fire chief said a blaze set by a person burning yard debris caused the raging wildfire that has destroyed 70 homes near Myrtle Beach. Forestry Commission Forest Protection Chief Darryl Jones said Friday the fire was set last weekend some 10 miles from where homes have been demolished. He said flames rekindled into the wildfire that started raging through scrub and woods on Wednesday. In all, more than 31 square miles have been scorched. Nobody has been injured. State officials a day earlier said they had fined one person for burning debris, but said they were unsure whether it was the cause. On Friday, Jones said investigators were now certain after backtracking along the path of the fire to the person's yard in Conway. Wildfire Damage Estimates Coming In: Officials said a wildfire that is burning for a third day near the South Carolina coast has caused nearly \$8.3 million in damage. Some of the more than 2,000 people evacuated because of the flames were being allowed to return to their homes, or in many cases, the rubble. Ann Tootham at a shelter established at the House of Blues said she was encouraged by early reports that there was not substantial damage to her home. She said she will not believe she escaped major damage until she sees the home herself. Officials said about 100 homes have been damaged. No injuries have been reported. Fire Expected To Turn North: Officials said they expect a wildfire burning along the Grand Strand to turn away from the beaches and move north on Friday. Mike Bocco with the state Forestry Commission said the fire was expected to intensify on Friday and turn away from the rich tourist areas. Bocco said they think the blaze is about 40 percent contained because of fire breaks installed in crucial areas. Forestry Commission Spokeswoman Holly Welch said any change in the weather could make the situation worse quickly. It's the worst fire in South Carolina since 1976, when another wildfire burned in Horry County, officials said. Upstate Red Cross Assists Coastal Residents: The Upstate chapter of the American Red Cross said its mobile-feeding truck was dispatched to Horry County on Thursday afternoon. Volunteers said they will feed evacuees, emergency responders and anyone else affected by the wildfire. "Our day will start very early," said one of the volunteers. "We'll pick up meals or snacks and water. It just depends on what we're assigned to do. We could give them out to either clients or first responders." Volunteers said they began seeing smoke from the fire near Florence, which is more than an hour away from the scene of the fire.

April 27, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 27, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 27, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Fog and smoke limited visibility at a wildfire that has burned nearly 20,000 acres near one of South Carolina's tourist-rich beach areas. State Forestry Commission spokesman Russell Hubright said early Monday that the overnight had been calm, with only a few smoldering areas northwest of Myrtle Beach. Hubright said those on the fire lines overnight put water on the smoldering spots and marked them for observation by the day shift. The fire was 85 percent contained as of Monday morning, Hubright said. The blaze has destroyed about 70 homes and damaged about 100 since starting Wednesday. No one has been hurt. Hubright said firefighters reinforced fire lines on the southwest side of the blaze because of a possible shift of wind direction that was forecast on Monday. 'Hero' Puppy Reunited With Family After Blaze: A puppy who barked warnings as a South Carolina wildfire raced toward its family's home -- only to be lost in the ensuing chaos -- has been reunited his owners. The 10-month-old black mixed breed pup named Onyx was the forlorn subject of a photo in The Sun News of Myrtle Beach after the fire tore through the Barefoot Resort community. The dog stood amid the rubble suffering from burns to his rump, stomach and paws. On Saturday, owner Donna Finley was reunited with Onyx at the North Myrtle Beach animal hospital that was treating him. Finley told the newspaper that Onyx is a hero for barking early Thursday until the family looked outside and saw the flames. She said that Onyx ran off and the family could not go after him. The animal hospital said Onyx should fully recover.

April 28, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 28, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 28, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Forestry officials said that a wildfire burning in Sumter National Forest in Oconee County was not advancing on Tuesday morning. Michelle Burnett, with the U.S. Forest Service, said the fire was spotted on Monday at 3:40 p.m. between the Chauga River and Chattooga Ridge Road near the Grapevine campgrounds. She said the fire had consumed about 35 acres at that time. Burnett said firefighters have a fire line around the blaze and have used a back burn to keep the fire from getting any larger. She said by the time the fire is out, it will have blackened about 100 acres. No structures were threatened, Burnett said.

April 28, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 28, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 28, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Officials said a wildfire on the Cherokee Indian Reservation in Jackson County, N.C., has consumed nearly 1,000 acres. The blaze began on Monday afternoon after embers from a fire at a mobile home spread to a nearby forest. Firefighters said they spent most of Monday night trying to keep the flames from spreading to other homes in the area. Some residents were forced to evacuate because of the thick smoke in the area, firefighters said. "We put manpower on trucks," said Mernie Taylor, with the Cherokee [Fire Department](#). "We also watch for debris that may fall from the trees. (We're trying to) keep everybody safe." They were meeting on Tuesday morning to come up with an attack plan. No injuries were reported.

April 29, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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April 29, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Sixty percent of Americans live in areas with unhealthy air pollution levels, despite a growing green movement and more stringent laws aimed at improving air quality, the American Lung Association said in a report released Wednesday. The public-health group ranked the pollution levels of U.S. cities and counties based on air quality measurements that state and local agencies reported to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency between 2005 and 2007. Overall, the report found that air pollution at times reaches unhealthy levels in almost every major city and that 186.1 million people live in those areas. The number is much higher than last year's figure of about 125 million people because recent changes to the federal ozone standard mean more counties recognize unhealthy levels of pollution. Health effects from air pollution include changes in lung function, coughing, heart attacks, lung cancer and premature death. "Six out of 10 Americans right now as we speak live in areas where the air can be dirty enough to send people to the emergency room, dirty enough to shape how kids' lungs develop and even dirty enough to kill," said Janice E. Nolen, the association's assistant vice president on national policy and advocacy. Cities including Los Angeles, New York, Atlanta, Charlotte, Philadelphia, Washington D.C. and Baltimore have seen improvements in air quality over the last decade, the report said. The Los Angeles-Long Beach-Riverside region of Southern California remained the metropolitan area with the highest levels of ozone pollution, as it has in each of the past 10 reports. Other metropolitan areas considered to have the most ozone pollution included Houston-Baytown-Huntsville and Dallas-Fort Worth in Texas. The areas with the most short-term particle pollution or soot were Pittsburgh-New Castle, Pa.; and the California areas of Fresno-Madera, Bakersfield and Los Angeles-Long Beach-Riverside. The cleanest metro area in all categories was Fargo, N.D. The rankings in the "State of the Air Report" were based on ozone pollution levels produced when heat and sunlight come into contact with pollutants from power plants, cars, refineries and other sources. The lung association also studied short-term and year-round levels of particle pollution, which is made up of a mix of tiny solid and liquid particles in the air.

May 5, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Witnesses said they saw a tornado touch down near the town of Cross Hill in southern Laurens County on Monday evening, but the National Weather Service has not confirmed the twister. Several campers were destroyed and a mobile home was ripped apart by the powerful storm that moved through at about 6 p.m. Power lines and trees were also knocked down. "We think it came in and went over there and then hit a double-wide over there," said John Walker, Cross Hill Fire Department Chief. "A total of four campers damaged and then one mobile home." "A tornado touched down," said Bo Smith, an eyewitness, as he pointed to an area in front of him. "It came from right over here. (It) came down and tore up a tree and then touched down here. Firefighters said that when they arrived it was a dangerous situation because they had leaking propane tanks near the downed power lines, causing concern about an explosion. Crews worked quickly to shut down the

electricity and repair the damaged tanks. "I was really scared," said Brenda Lipscomb, who lives in the area. Heather Ward, who also lives in the area, said that she and her daughter had just moved into a mobile home in the area. She said that the high winds from Monday's storm knocked the trailer from its foundation. "I got the phone call that my camper was gone," said Ward. Ward said that she had just left to go to work when the storm hit. She said she is thankful that no one was home at the time. "Thank God my baby was at my best friend's house," Ward said. "We had just left not an hour and a half ago." Power crews spent much of the night in the area working to restore power to those left in the dark by severe weather. Road crews also spent their Monday night clearing roads of felled trees. The NWS was expected to release their determination on Tuesday.

May 28, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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May 28, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: National [Hurricane](#) Center forecasters in Miami said Thursday that a tropical depression has formed off the mid-Atlantic coast, but that it was not expected to threaten land. The depression is the first of the 2009 Atlantic hurricane season, which officially begins June 1. The depression's maximum sustained winds are near 35 mph, and it is expected to become a tropical storm in the coming days. Forecasters expect the depression to move toward the northeast near 17 mph over the next day or two. At 11 a.m. EST Thursday, the depression was centered about 310 miles south of Providence, R.I., and about 635 southwest of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

May 29, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 29, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 29, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Storms swept through the Upstate on Thursday afternoon, leaving thousands in the dark and knocking down lots of trees. Two trees knocked down by the storm landed just feet away from Scott and Tish Fraiser's home on Blue Mountain Drive in Berea. The couple said that their daughter was home when the tree fell and said she got scared when she heard the crashing sound. Some of the Frasier's neighbors also reported damage. In Duncan, residents who live along South Danzler Road said two trees fell, knocking down a power line. They said another tree fell on a house and then landed on a truck. "This has happened several times and we're very fortunate that it didn't hit our house or anything else," one of the residents said. "We're just very fortunate that nobody got hurt. Along East North Street in Greenville several trees were uprooted, which took down some power lines in the area. One of the felled trees caught fire. "The wind blew (the tree) over into my power lines and yanked them from the house in to the main trunk, which tripped a transformer for the neighborhood," said James Burton, the owner of the tree. The nearby Lakecrest apartment complex also sustained storm damage. Joshua Charles, who was helping clean up the mess left behind, said he is amazed at the power of the storm. "I was at the kitchen window looking out and the car was 15 feet away and you couldn't even see it," said Charles. "At one point the rain was coming straight down and instantly it went sideways. There's trees down everywhere." According to Duke Energy's Web site, about 800 people were without power in the Upstate as of 9:30 a.m. The highest number of outages were in Anderson, Greenville and Laurens counties.

June 10, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 10, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
June 10, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A federal judge wants to know what progress has been made in cleaning up contamination in a [South Carolina](#) river. The [Greenville](#) News reported that U.S. District Judge Ross Anderson Jr. on Tuesday ordered Schlumberger Technology Corp. and several government agencies to attend a July 7 hearing. Anderson signed an order in 2006 that called for the removal of two dams on the Twelve Mile River and PCB-contaminated sediment. PCB, or polychlorinated biphenyls, is a class of organic compounds, composed of chlorine and benzene. The compound is used mainly as a dielectric fluid in transformers, capacitors and coolants. The contamination has prompted health officials to post warnings for 30 years about eating certain fish from the area streams. More than 400,000 pounds of PCBs were released between 1955 and 1977 from a capacitor manufacturing site in Pickens into Town Creek, a tributary of the Twelve Mile River. Schlumberger spokesman Stephen Harris said the company had not seen the order and could not comment.

June 11, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 11, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
June 11, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: State officials said that all of [South Carolina](#) is out of the grips of the drought for the first time in nearly three years. The state Drought Response Committee removed 19 northern counties from any stage of drought Wednesday, marking the first time since August 2006 that any part of South Carolina was not abnormally dry. State climatologist Hope Mizzell said streams and lake levels are back to normal across South Carolina except for the western part of the state, which is slightly below normal. Groundwater levels are still lower than normal and Mizzell said a dry summer could bring drought conditions back. Some part of South Carolina has been in drought conditions for more than seven of [the past](#) 10 years, officials said.

June 12, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 12, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
June 12, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Thousands of people are without power on Friday morning after a strong line of storms moved through the western Carolinas on Thursday afternoon. The storms produced winds higher than 60 mph, which knocked down lots of trees across the Upstate. A Greer family that lives in the Sugar Creek subdivision came home to find a tree had fallen onto their [house](#). The good news is that the home did not sustain any major structural damage. The storms also left behind quite a mess in Easley. Fast-moving winds felled a tree on Mull Street and caused damage in the surrounding neighborhoods. Chad Moore said the storm blew through his yard and snapped trees and downed power lines. "It was a big bang and I came outside and looked and my tree was split and the other was about to fall and hit the house," Moore said. The Veggie Patch produce stand also sustained damage because of the storms. The stand's owner said winds wiped out the produce and tore her canopies to shreds. "It started blowing everything everywhere," said Wanda Burleson, the stand's owner. "I was picking produce up and it was flying through the air." Lightning from the storms may have been the cause of a fire in the Cliff Valley subdivision. No one was hurt in the blaze. According to Duke Energy's Web site, more than 7,000 people are without power as of Friday morning in Greenville County, which has the highest number of outages. According to a representative of Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative, about 800 people are without power in Pickens County and 85 people are in the dark in Oconee County.

June 17, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 17, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
June 17, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Officials said it took more than 10 hours to clean up more than 94,000 gallons of raw sewage that spilled into a South Carolina creek this week. The spill happened on Monday when a blocked manhole caused the sewer line to overflow, [Spartanburg](#) Water officials said. Crews worked for two days to remove the contamination from Halfway Creek near Henson Street. Spartanburg Water officials said the spill posed no danger to the public, but signs were posted in the area as a precaution

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Description: The White House said only Gov. Mark Sanford can access \$700 million in federal stimulus cash to help South Carolina's schools. In a letter to Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, White House budget chief Peter Orszag said Congress did not fully flesh out a provision to allow state lawmakers to get the money over the objections of governors. Sanford has been arguing against spending the money on schools, saying it should be used on debt. Two requests by Sanford to do so have been denied by the White House. In the letter released Wednesday, Orszag said a governor has to submit an application for education money and there is no provision in the federal Recovery Act to allow lawmakers to do that instead. The letter said Congress could clarify that legislators can act when the governor does not.

April 1, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Protesters clashed with riot police Wednesday ahead of a global summit in London. Thousands of demonstrators jammed the streets on a day that demonstrators have branded "Financial Fools Day." Some demonstrators smashed windows and broke into the Royal Bank of Scotland. They also tried to storm the Bank of England. Protesters shouting "Abolish Money" pushed against police barricades outside the Bank of England. Some protesters hoisted effigies of the "four horsemen of the apocalypse," represented as war, climate chaos, financial crimes and homelessness. A battered effigy of a banker in a bowler's hat was hung on a traffic light near the Bank of England. Another bank building was spray-painted with the words "class war" and "thieves." Some financial workers wore jeans instead of suits to blend in with the crowd. Others leaned out of office windows, taunting the protesters and waving 10-pound notes. At least one police officer was injured when a printer and other office items were thrown out of the RBS window. Two men -- one wearing a suit -- exchanged punches in the financial district before police intervened. One protester had his family with him, banging bells and blowing whistles. He was blaming greed for the turmoil. Another was dressed as the Easter bunny and managed to hop past a police cordon. He was stopped before he could reach the Bank of England. Many buildings in London's financial district were boarded up and several streets were closed. Nearly two dozen people have been arrested. Obama: World Leaders' Dissent 'Overstated': Meanwhile, President Barack Obama said he thinks differences among world leaders over how to act in the current international economic crisis have been "vastly overstated." In fact, Obama told reporters at the site of the G-20 summit in London on Wednesday that he anticipates formation of an "enormous consensus" among leaders of developed and developing nations about how best to proceed. Obama has been trying to rally world leaders to fix the global economy. He's pushing to restore confidence among the world's consumers and unity among its leaders. "We can only meet this challenge together," he said. Obama and British Prime Minister Gordon Brown also are trying to downplay a rift with French President Nicolas Sarkozy and project optimism. Sarkozy warned that neither his country nor Germany would align with "false compromises," suggesting that final agreement on what to do was still being worked out. Washington has pushed for other governments to pump more money into economic stimulus programs, but many European countries have instead promoted a focus on tighter regulation to rein in financial market excesses. Speaking directly about criticisms of the expensive American stimulus program, Obama said that all the countries participating in the summit have engaged in similar spending initiatives, although to varying degrees. He also said there's "great symmetry" between the United States and Britain on the need to take steps to prevent future crises while working to resolve the current crisis. Obama rejected suggestions that the United States has declined as a world power. Leaders are emphasizing the limited common ground they can reach, including more money for the International Monetary Fund and closer scrutiny of hedge funds and tax havens. The forum will grapple with world economic problems that have grown beyond the established eight economies that dominated previous economic summits -- the U.S., Britain, Germany France, Japan, Canada, Italy and Russia. Now, 20 nations are coming together in London, with fast-growing developing economies such as China, India, Brazil and Saudi Arabia -- important players in any effort to coordinate economic policy -- sitting as full negotiating partners. "For the first time,

there's a recognition that major emerging markets and developing countries have a critical role at the table," said Mike Froman, a White House international economic adviser. With turbulent world markets watching closely, the stakes are high, especially for the new United States president, stepping onto the world stage for the first time to deal with the economic crisis and to meet face to face with many other leaders.

April 2, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 2, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
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Description: As the deadline on accepting millions in stimulus money approaches, Gov. Mark Sanford has yet to make a decision for South Carolina. Sanford has until Friday to decide whether he will accept \$700 million in federal stimulus money. He said Thursday that he will accept the money on his terms. The Republican governor has said he wants to use the money to pay off part of the South Carolina's debt, but two requests to do so have been rejected by the White House. Lawmakers have said they want Sanford to put the money toward education. Legislators have said they will accept the money even if the governor does not, but on Wednesday the [White House](#) said the current law does not allow lawmakers to put the money toward education. Sanford said he does not want to spend the money on education because his budget already calls for an increase in classroom spending. Greenville County Schools leaders said that if Sanford does not accept the money it will have devastating effects on schools, the Greenville News reported on Friday. The district told the newspaper that as many as 500 jobs may be sliced from the school system if stimulus funding is not available. Superintendent Phinnize Fisher told the newspaper that the federal money would help make up for about \$10 million of \$30 million in budget cuts. Hundreds Protest, Show Support For Governor At Capitol: Hundreds of people gathered at the state Capitol on Wednesday to voice their opinions about Sanford's stance on the federal stimulus money. The South Carolina Progressive Network organized a rally to show Sanford that they are not happy with his policies toward the stimulus. Their message: "Just take the money." "If we don't get the stimulus package, children with disabilities are going to suffer," said Tim Conroy, one of the protestors. "Kids in public schools are going to suffer. Teachers are going to lose their jobs." About 50 people stood near the hundreds of protestors and held what they called an "anti-protest" to show their support of the governor. "They are going to come along with all kinds of guidelines and strings and basically we are going to be in slavery for the next five generations, paying back money that came out of nowhere," said one of the anti-protestors. Sanford has until midnight Friday to make a decision on the stimulus funds.

April 3, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 3, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 3, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: It's almost time for the national census and federal officials said census workers will soon start showing up on South Carolina doorsteps. Beginning Monday, more than 2,000 census workers will fan out across the state to get a complete list of addresses where 2010 census questionnaires will be sent. The workers will be capturing GPS information as they knock on doors to verify addresses. All Census workers will be wearing a red, white and blue badge with their name and the official Census seal. The nationwide count used to determine congressional seats and federal funding for each state will be taken next spring. Census offices are open in Charleston and Columbia, and officials say six more will open in the state later this year.

April 6, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 6, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 6, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Five candidates are running for an open seat on the South Carolina Supreme Court. The State newspaper of Columbia reported that all five judges have run for a seat on the state's highest court before. The candidates are Circuit Judge John Few, of Greenville; Chief Court of Appeals Judge Kaye Hearn, of Conway; Circuit Judge Deadra Jefferson, of Charleston; Family Court Judge Eugene Morehead, of Florence; and Court of Appeals Judge Bruce Williams, of Columbia. The Judicial Merit Selection Commission will hold a public hearing to screen the candidates April 13. They can nominate no more than three people. The House and Senate will then pick the new justice, who will serve out the remaining three years of the term of retiring Associate Justice John Waller.

April 8, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 8, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 8, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn said South Carolina legislators should defy the governor by using disputed federal stimulus cash on schools and go to court if they must. The Democratic South Carolina congressman made his remarks Tuesday during a news conference in Columbia. Clyburn said that state lawmakers who are hesitating to use the \$700 million over two years is like someone being afraid to drive a car because they might get into an accident. Gov. Mark Sanford wants

the money used to pay down debt, an idea [the White House](#) has declined. Educators contend Sanford refusing the cash will lead to teacher layoffs. But the governor does control the receipt of the money. Meanwhile Tuesday, the governor said critics are exaggerating the effects of him not taking the cash.

April 10, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 10, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 10, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford said a new ad paid for by a support group helps extend the reach of his message that federal stimulus cash only adds to debt and other problems. Sanford said in an interview Thursday that the Carolinians for Reform Inc. is needed because it would take years of talking to civic groups around the state to bring the point home. The Republican wants \$700 million in federal stimulus used to reduce debt. Carolinians for Reform said it is spending \$230,000 on the ad. Sanford said it was filmed at the governor's mansion in Columbia. Sanford has helped raise money for the group, but he said he has made no donations to pay for the ads. Sanford's campaign account finished 2008 with \$1.7 million on hand.

April 13, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 13, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 13, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Senators return to their desks after a week off to write the budget and a separate plan to spend \$350 million in federal stimulus cash that Gov. Mark Sanford insists should be used to lower state debt. The Senate Finance Committee was scheduled to meet on Tuesday morning to work out details on the state budget. The main budget will cut heavily into state spending and particularly schools and colleges because it will not use the \$350 million intended to spare education programs and jobs. Senators will also write a second spending bill that uses the money. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Hugh Leatherman said the second bill will keep the state's primary budget plan from getting tied up in legal challenges if legislators force Sanford to spend the stimulus money. Meanwhile, local government officials across South Carolina were expected to attend a summit in Columbia later this week on using economic stimulus money. Charleston Mayor Joe Riley, Columbia Mayor Bob Coble and the Municipal Association of South Carolina are putting together the meeting on the stimulus package. Reba Campbell with the Municipal Association said the meeting is expected to include representatives of about a dozen agencies who will give an overview of the stimulus package. Riley told The Post and Courier of Charleston the goal is to use the money as quickly as possible to create economic activity. Riley said Charleston is applying for money to pay the salaries of 21 police officers for three years. The city also wants money for [law enforcement](#) equipment.

April 14, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 14, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 14, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: South Carolinians will rally at the Statehouse to protest federal spending as part of a national day of Revolutionary War-era defiance. The so-called "Tax Day Tea Party" in Columbia on Wednesday is among more than a dozen scheduled across the state and hundreds nationwide on the tax deadline. Gov. Mark Sanford will speak at two rallies. The Republican governor has been a chief critic of all federal bailout and stimulus plans over the past year. U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint will also speak. The South Carolina Republican said the rallies are about protecting America's liberty from a "[federal government](#) that is out of control." Later in the day, organizers expect a sold-out crowd of 3,300 people to rally for a national sales tax. Speakers include former GOP presidential candidate Mike Huckabee. According to [taxdayteaparty.com](#), events were held at Pickens City Hall, Simpsonville City Hall and the Greenwood County Courthouse on Wednesday afternoon. In Asheville, a tax protest was scheduled for 4:30 p.m. in front of the Asheville City Building and the Buncombe County Courthouse.

April 15, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 15, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 15, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Protesters gathered at state Capitols and in neighborhoods and town squares across the country Wednesday for a series of tax-day protests designed to echo the rebellion of the Boston Tea Party. The demonstrations were being held everywhere from Kentucky, which just passed tax increases on cigarettes and alcohol, to South Carolina, where the governor has repeatedly criticized the federal stimulus package. Large protests also were expected in California, New York and Atlanta. Organizers said they're steamed about government spending since President Barack Obama took office, most notably the \$787

billion economic stimulus package Congress passed into law earlier this year. In Hartford, Conn., police estimated 3,000 people showed up at the state Capitol, where nearly two decades earlier an estimated 40,000 had converged in protest after the state enacted its personal [income tax](#). This time, many carried makeshift pitchforks and signs with messages aimed at the Democrats who control Congress and the White House. One protester, Rusty Haigh, told WFSB-TV "we have to get legislators to understand that they have to cut back." "If I can't afford something in my house, I have to cut back," Haigh said. A large crowd also showed up in downtown Cincinnati. Organizers told WLWT-TV that 3,700 people showed up for Wednesday's rally. Organizers said they plan to deliver a petition to City Hall, signed by 1,700 Cincinnatians, asking for the City Council to reject government stimulus [funds](#). In Des Moines, Iowa, more than 1,000 people gathered on the steps of the state Capitol wearing red shirts proclaiming "revolution is brewing." "The system is severely broken and we the people let it get that way," said Des Moines businessman Dough Burnett. "What can we do? My answer is revolution." Elsewhere, protesters in Lafayette, Ind., planned to throw tea bags from the John T. Myers Pedestrian Bridge into the Wabash River below, reported WRTV-TV. Protesters also plan to converge on the south lawn of the Indiana Statehouse in the evening. Organizers said they expect hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people to show up for the event. Las Vegas' seven-hour demonstration is expected to start at noon local time, KVVU-TV reported. Organizers of the event said they intend to keep the protests nonviolent and encouraged people with signs to "be creative, but please be tasteful." Organizers of the tea party movement say it has developed organically through online social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter and through exposure on the conservative Fox News channel. And while they insist it's a nonpartisan effort, it has been seized on by many prominent Republicans who view it as a promising way for the party to reclaim its momentum. "It is a nonpartisan mass organizing effort comprised of people unhappy with size of government. All you have to be is a mildly awake Republican candidate for office to get in front of that parade," said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. The movement has attracted prominent Republicans, some of whom are considering a 2012 presidential bid. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich planned to address the tea party taking place in a New York City park Wednesday night. His advocacy group, americansolutions.com, has partnered with the tea party organizers to get word out to the group's members. "It's the Reagan coalition reorganizing itself," Gingrich spokesman Rick Sawyer said. "If we work together, we get what we want. As long as we remain divided, as we were in the last presidential election, opponents of our policy initiatives win." South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford, another likely 2012 GOP presidential hopeful, planned to attend tea parties in Columbia and Charleston. Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal sent an e-mail to his supporters, letting them know about tea parties taking place throughout the state.

April 16, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 16, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 16, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Anyone convicted in South Carolina of breaking into someone's home with a weapon and seriously injuring or killing those inside would be sent to prison for at least 25 years under a bill up for debate. A Senate Judiciary subcommittee is set Thursday to discuss the proposal dubbed the "Home Invasion Protection Act." It would create separate felonies of home invasion in the first, second and third degrees and set mandatory minimums of 15 to 25 years. The third-degree felony would mean someone was inside the home at the time but not threatened by the armed intruder. Under the proposal, weapons qualifying as dangerous include guns, razors and slingshots. It says a person convicted of first-degree home invasion could also qualify for the death penalty.

April 20, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 20, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 20, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: South Carolina Senate budget writers have made a slight concession to Gov. Mark Sanford's insistence that lawmakers cut the state's debts. The Senate Finance Committee on Monday voted to spend \$3.5 million to cover retiree costs, an area that Sanford considers a major state debt. Last week the committee had voted to set aside \$6 million to cover the costs of redrawing House and Senate election districts, based on the 2010 Census. That was cut to \$2.5 million in Monday's version. Sanford has insisted budget writers repay debt before he'll request \$350 million in federal stimulus cash. Spokesman Joel Sawyer called Monday's vote a small step in the right direction but said the governor wants more. The Senate could take up the budget later this week.

April 21, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 21, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 21, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A local chapter of the South Carolina Republican Party has sued the state in federal court to require voters to choose a political party when they register and vote only in that party's primary. Greenville County GOP Chairman Samuel Harms said Monday he does not want any Democrats voting in Republican primaries. The lawsuit claims state law that allows registered voters to cast their ballot in whichever primary they choose to participate violates the First Amendment's right of free association. Legislation to change state law and require registration by party has failed for years. State and county Democratic

Party leaders said voters should be able to vote for whichever candidate best reflects their views, and that voters should be encouraged to participate in the elections process.

April 23, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 23, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 23, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Legislators return for a second day of debate on a \$5.7 billion spending bill that proposes spending an extra \$350 million in federal stimulus money. Thursday's debate comes after the state Supreme Court refused to take a case tied to Gov. Mark Sanford's refusal to request the stimulus cash. Sanford said he wants that money used to offset state debt but the White House has twice refused that idea. Legislators were encouraged that the court's order made it clear that they can put the stimulus money in the budget. It remains unclear how or if they can force Sanford to seek the money. Sanford's allies tried unsuccessfully Wednesday to force a three-day delay in considering the budget so they would have more time to prepare an alternate spending plan.

April 24, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 24, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
April 24, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A poll of residents of North Carolina and South Carolina shows that a majority thinks the country is on the wrong track, but many approve of President Barack Obama's job performance. Elon University released the poll, which shows that 60 percent of residents in the two states think the country is on the wrong track. The poll shows 52 percent approve of the way Obama is handling his job. Elon released the poll Friday, as Obama's first 100 days in office come to an end. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.9 percentage points. The telephone poll was conducted April 19-23 and surveyed 662 residents in the Carolinas. Poll director Hunter Bacot said he thinks the poll shows people are frustrated because they are not seeing the results they expected for the money that's been spent in the stimulus package.

May 1, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 1, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 1, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Now that Justice David Souter has helped solve the mystery of whether anyone would retire from the [Supreme Court](#) this year, what's next? How will the executive and legislative branches of government set about filling a vacancy on the nation's highest court? -- President Barack Obama will have to nominate a successor after Souter makes his retirement announcement official. Souter is likely to stay on the court through the end of the term in June, and maybe longer if a replacement is not quickly confirmed. Obama will have chosen his successor long before June -- if the president hasn't already made up his mind -- but an announcement from the White House is unlikely before [the Supreme Court](#) finishes this year's session. -- The Constitution requires the president to submit his nomination to the Senate for its advice and consent; the House plays no role. The Senate's majority Democrats and minority Republicans will investigate the nominee's background thoroughly before hearings begin in the Senate Judiciary Committee. It normally takes between four and six weeks to begin hearings after the Senate receives a Supreme Court nomination. -- The Senate will try to hold hearings and a confirmation vote before the Supreme Court begins its new term in October. -- Hearings will be supervised by Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt. Following Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter's defection to the Democratic Party earlier this week, GOP committee members will have to elect a new top committee Republican. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, has served as chairman before, and would need a waiver from members to serve again. Next in line would be Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa. Senate hearings on the nominations of John Roberts as chief justice and Samuel Alito as justice, the high court's two newest justices, lasted about a week. -- At the end of hearings, the committee will vote on the nominee and send a recommendation to the full Senate. Whether the committee decision is positive or negative, the full Senate is likely to vote on the nomination. -- It takes 60 votes to block a filibuster of a Supreme Court nominee. Democrats now hold 59 votes in the Senate with Specter's defection and two Democratic-voting independents. There is one open seat in the Senate with Norm Coleman and Al Franken fighting in court over the right to be the Minnesota senator.

May 4, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 4, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 4, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Legislators are getting ready for a new round of debate on raising the state's cigarette tax. A Senate subcommittee begins debate Tuesday on a House bill that adds 50 cents a pack to the nation's lowest tax of 7 cents. The proposal generates \$139 million for a health insurance program for low-income workers and it cleared the House with a 97-22 vote. The bill said people making up to about \$21,600 a year could get tax credits covering 75 percent of an individual policy. The maximum credit

is \$3,000. The rest of the money raised by the tax would be used to curb smoking. The Legislature passed a tax increase last year that expanded Medicaid programs. It died when the House failed to override Gov. Mark Sanford's veto.

May 7, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 7, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 7, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: North Carolina's gasoline tax could go up under a bill moving its way through the Senate. The Senate voted 34-12 Thursday to require that the motor fuels tax be no less than the current rate of 29.9 cents per gallon through mid-2011. The tax historically has been adjusted twice a year based on the wholesale price of gasoline. The Legislature agreed in 2006 to cap the rate at no more than 29.9 cents following high gas prices after Hurricane Katrina. Bill sponsor Sen. Clark Jenkins of Edgecombe County said creating a floor for the tax will provide more road-building funds. The change could generate an additional \$67.5 million because the tax may be higher than it's been under the cap. A final Senate vote could come next week.

May 8, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 8, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 8, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The South Carolina [Department of Transportation](#) said a second round of bids for highway projects paid with federal stimulus money are nearly \$3 million less than expected. The SCDOT said the winning bids for the 14 contracts were \$24.6 million. The agency expected to pay \$27.4 million. The projects include repaving 51 roads in more than a dozen counties across the state and installing pavement markers along parts of Interstates 20, 26, 77 and 95. The SCDOT said the first round of projects included resurfacing 57 more roads and building eight new bridges for \$51.3 million, nearly \$14 million less than the agency expected. The DOT will put out bids for more projects over the next three months.

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Description: South Carolina legislators hope to send a budget to Gov. Mark Sanford's desk without days of negotiating and tweaking between the two chambers. The House and Senate budget committee chairmen said Thursday they hope to bypass the need for a conference committee with a budget amendment the House will pass next week. House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dan Cooper of Piedmont said there is little to argue about in a budget that has seen state spending slashed from \$7 billion a year ago. Senate Finance Chairman Hugh Leatherman of Florence said he hopes the Senate can simply agree with the House's amendment and send it to the governor for vetoes. Leatherman said he has not seen that happen in his 29 years in the Legislature.

May 11, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 11, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 11, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Gov. Mark Sanford said South Carolina legislators are wasting money and avoiding government streamlining in a \$5.7 billion state spending plan. Sanford said Monday that this week is the last chance citizens will be able to put pressure on legislators before the budget hits his desk. The governor said he expects the Senate will go along this week with changes in the budget the House is making that include using \$350 million in federal stimulus cash despite Sanford's objections. Sanford said he questions spending on a new Capitol Police Force, moving the Aeronautics Commission out of his control and rejecting efforts to cut mileage reimbursement rates. House Budget Committee Chairman Dan Cooper of Piedmont expects to offer a final version of the budget on Tuesday.

May 13, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 13, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 13, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Court of Appeals Chief Judge Kaye Hearn will be selected as the newest member of the South Carolina [Supreme Court](#) on Wednesday. Hearn is the only person to be nominated when state House and Senate members choose the next justice at noon. Hearn will be filling the seat vacated by Justice John Waller of Marion, who is retiring. His term expires in 2012. Last month, the other two candidates -- Circuit Judges John Few of Greenville and Deadra Jefferson of Charleston -- withdrew

their names. Hearn joined the Court of Appeals in 1995 and was the first woman elected to lead that court in 1999. She will become the second woman on the state's highest court. She joins Chief Justice Jean Toal, who has been on the court since 1988.

May 19, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 19, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 19, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: South Carolina legislators will make one last attempt to pass payday lending restrictions before their session ends. Republican Sen. Wes Hayes, of Rock Hill, has said Tuesday is "do or die" for the measure meant to stop payday lenders from ensnaring poor residents in a cycle of debt. The Senate gave tentative approval to the bill last Thursday but left the details for this week. The session is set to end this Thursday. Senators hope to reach consensus on a compromise with the House, which would move the bill closer to becoming law. The House and Senate versions limit borrowers to one loan at a time. Advocates for the poor said the House version is too weak. A few senators have fought for lower loan limits and more time between loans.

May 19, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 19, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 19, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The country's largest tobacco-producing state is going smoke free. North Carolina Gov. Beverly Perdue signed a bill into law Tuesday that bans smoking in restaurants and bars statewide. She signed the bill during a ceremony in the Old House Chamber of the state Capitol. The law allows fines of up to \$50 for people who smoke after being asked to stop, and up to \$200 for managers who've been twice warned to enforce the rules. The law takes effect Jan. 2. Perdue has said the smoking restrictions are a historic step to protect health, and she supports reducing and eliminating smoking. More than 30 states have passed similar legislation. Virginia adopted a ban in March despite its 400-year history with tobacco.

May 20, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 20, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 20, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: South Carolina legislators are expected to take up Gov. Mark Sanford's vetoes of the \$5.7 billion state budget and a demand that he request nearly \$700 million in federal stimulus cash. House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dan Cooper of Charleston will have the job Wednesday of mustering the votes to trump Sanford. Finance Committee Chairman Hugh Leatherman of Florence said he expects Sanford will not find enough support in the Senate. Sanford challenged the Legislature's authority to require him to seek the federal stimulus cash within five days but is not saying he will challenge that in court. The governor said he would first try to make his vetoes stick. Beaufort Sen. Tom Davis is one of Sanford's top allies and said he did not know if Sanford has the votes to sustain his vetoes.

May 21, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 21, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 21, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford said he's suing to stop the Legislature from forcing him to seek federal stimulus money. State senators on Wednesday overrode Sanford's vetoes of a \$5.6 billion budget plan. They and House members also voted to require him to request \$700 million in federal stimulus cash. Sanford insists the money should only be used to reduce state debt. Within an hour of the Senate votes, Sanford issued a statement that said he filed a lawsuit in federal court that claims the moves will not pass "constitutional muster." Lawmakers dismissed his call on Wednesday to start over with the budget. Sanford had vetoed nearly all of the spending in a \$5.7 billion plan. Lawmakers said that would have shut down state government. Legislative Session Ends Thursday: South Carolina legislators appear to be heading home without final deals worked out on big issues. Thursday's adjournment will likely come with no final agreements on raising the state's cigarette tax and there is little expectation the Senate will be able to move a bill adding new restrictions to the state's payday lending industry. The Legislature set a 5 p.m. deadline to adjourn. That's two weeks earlier than usual and comes after the House and Senate both took several weeks off without pay to save money. That has left a last-minute scramble to deal with legislation. The Senate has to deal with 30 budget vetoes. Lawmakers will return briefly in June to deal with vetoes. They have also allowed themselves the option of coming back to deal with budget problems later in the year.

May 26, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
May 26, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
May 26, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: South Carolina Attorney General Henry McMaster said lawsuits over forcing Gov. Mark Sanford to request \$700 million in federal stimulus cash could weaken the governor's office. McMaster filed his response to lawsuits Tuesday in the state Supreme Court and noted the Legislature has passed a law requiring Sanford to act. In an interview, McMaster said the challenges may weaken the role of governor to the point of irrelevancy. McMaster, a Republican, is considering a bid for governor but said that is not a factor in his court filings. Sanford is also a Republican and cannot seek a third term. Education Superintendent Jim Rex also filed a response to one of the two lawsuits. He said the state law requiring Sanford to seek the money is valid and Sanford is required to follow it.

May 27, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford will get a chance to argue his side of the fight over stimulus money to the state Supreme Court. Sanford's lawyers earlier had declined to file papers in a case that will be argued Thursday, but on Wednesday they filed to take part in the case. The Supreme Court agreed. A Chapin High School senior and University of South Carolina law student are suing to try to force Sanford to request \$700 million in federal bailout cash for the state's schools. Sanford wants the money used to reduce state debt. The court also said it was presuming that Sanford's lawyers would not then try to have that case pulled from the state court. Sanford's lawyers on Tuesday asked to have a federal court handle a second Supreme Court case.

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Description: South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford said he will sign a request Monday for \$700 million in federal stimulus money that will head primarily to cash-strapped schools over the next two years. Sanford said he would make the request to comply with an order from the state [Supreme Court](#), which on Thursday ordered him to get the money. The ruling came a day after justices heard arguments in Sanford's legal fight to reject the cash. The anti-bailout governor refused to take the money even after legislators passed a budget requiring him to do so. The arguments involved lawsuits filed by students and school administrators. Sanford had tried to get those cases merged in federal court with his own lawsuit to block the money, but he lost that fight Monday. On Monday, Sanford said he would not appeal such a decision and, if he lost, would drop his federal case. However, South Carolina's budget problems will not be solved with the stimulus money, The Associated Press reported. Budget holes will remain. Hundreds of teachers' jobs will be lost. State workers will continue to take unpaid days off. And college tuition will still increase.

June 12, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Congress sent legislation to the White House Friday granting the federal government unprecedented authority to regulate and restrict cigarettes, the single largest cause of preventable death. President Barack Obama quickly expressed his support, appearing in the Rose Garden almost immediately after the House gave final approval to the bill giving the Food and Drug Administration control over tobacco production, marketing and sales. For more than a decade, Obama said, leaders in Congress have been trying to prevent the marketing of cigarettes to children "and provide the public with the information they need to understand what a dangerous habit this is." He said the outcome was "a bill that truly defines change in Washington." Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., chief sponsor of the House version, called it "the single most important thing that we can do right now to curb this deadly toll. More than 400,000 people die every year from tobacco-related diseases, according to government figures. About 45 million U.S. adults are smokers, though the prevalence has fallen since the U.S. surgeon general's warning 45 years ago that tobacco causes [lung cancer](#). The House, which first passed a similar FDA bill in April, voted 307-97 to endorse the version passed 79-17 by the Senate on Thursday. The measure puts special emphasis on dissuading some of the 3,500 young people who every day smoke a cigarette for the first time. It prohibits use of candied and flavored cigarettes popular among young people and severely restricts advertisements and promotions targeted toward youth. It bans use of words such as "mild" or "light" that give the impression that the brand is safer. It requires stronger warning labels. The FDA would also require tobacco companies to reveal the contents of their products and they'd have to seek approval for marketing new products. It gives the FDA power to order changes to ingredients, including tar and nicotine, to protect public health. Altria Group, parent company of Philip Morris USA, the nation's largest tobacco company, issued a statement Thursday supporting the legislation and saying it approved "tough but reasonable federal regulation of tobacco products" by the FDA. Rival companies have voiced opposition, saying FDA limits on new tobacco products could lock in market shares for Philip Morris, maker of Marlboro cigarettes. Opposition in the House came from Republicans concerned about government intrusion in private enterprise and tobacco state lawmakers. Rep. Howard Coble, R-N.C., said people in his state believed "allowing the FDA to regulate tobacco in any capacity would lead to the FDA regulating the family farm." The greater goal of the legislation is to reduce deaths linked to

[smoking](#) and shrink the annual \$100 billion health care price tag for tobacco-related illnesses. Smoking is responsible for more than 30 percent of all cancer deaths, said Dr. Douglas Blayney, president of the American Society of Clinical Oncology. The bill, he said, "should have a huge impact on reducing the death and disease brought on by tobacco use." Obama, who has spoken of his own struggle to quit smoking, praised the bill, saying it "will make history by giving the scientists and medical experts at the FDA the power to take sensible steps." Lawmakers, led by the ailing Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., have been fighting for more than a decade to impose government controls over cigarettes, only to meet strong resistance from the tobacco industry and others. The Supreme Court in 2000 said the FDA did not have authority to regulate tobacco under current law, and the administration of then-President George W. Bush opposed congressional efforts to rewrite the law. The industry, said Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., who guided the bill to passage in the Senate, had long succeeded in excluding itself from federal regulation. "That now changes forever," he said. "Passage of this historic legislation by both the House and the Senate is a victory for public health over Big Tobacco," said Dr. Nancy Nielsen, president of the American Medical Association. The bill is H.R. 1256. On the Net: Congress: <http://thomas.loc.gov>.

June 23, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: A spokesman for South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford said Tuesday the Republican checked in with his staff and was surprised by the attention given to his secretive [vacation](#) and planned to cut it short and return Wednesday. "Governor Sanford called to check in with his chief of staff this morning," Sanford spokesman Joel Sawyer said in a prepared statement. "It would be fair to say the governor was somewhat taken aback by all of the interest this trip has gotten. Given the circumstances and the attention this has garnered, the governor communicated to us that he plans on returning to the office tomorrow." Sanford hadn't spoken with his staff since last Thursday. He left the state on what Sawyer called a routine post legislative vacation to unwind. His absence left fellow state leaders scratching their heads. The lieutenant governor couldn't figure out where Gov. Mark Sanford was. Calls from a state senator and close friend rolled to voice mail. Even his wife said she hadn't talked to him for several days. The explanation came late Monday night from his spokesman: The second-term chief executive was hiking along the Appalachian Trail "to kind of clear his head after the legislative session." The Republican governor left town on Thursday, Sawyer said, with plans to hike the trail, which passes through 14 states but not South Carolina. Sawyer said he didn't know where exactly Sanford was along the 2,200-mile route and declined to discuss if anyone was hiking with him. "He's an avid outdoorsman," Sawyer said. "Nobody's ever accused our governor of being conventional." He left a couple of days after the Legislature adjourned after overriding his 10 vetoes and winning a court battle to force Sanford to request \$700 million in federal stimulus cash. While other governors eagerly gobbled up federal stimulus money to fill budget holes, Sanford has railed against President Barack Obama's \$787 billion bailout package. It left him dealing with protests at home, where educators predicted massive teacher layoffs without it. Sanford, who's also chairman of the Republican Governors Association, wanted to use it only to pay down debt. His absence has drawn more criticism. Some questioned who was in charge of South Carolina if he couldn't be reached. The National Guard and the state's top law enforcement agencies report to him, said Senate Minority Leader John Land, D-Manning. Lt. Gov. Andrew Bauer said he'd been rebuffed by the governor's staff when he tried to find out where Sanford was and had not been put in charge in his absence. "I cannot take lightly that his staff has not had communication with him for more than four days, and that no one, including his own family, knows his whereabouts," said Bauer. Sawyer said if there was an emergency, the office would consult with other state officials before making any decisions. "We knew he would be difficult to reach, and that he would be checking in infrequently," Sawyer said in a statement. But Carol Fowler, chairwoman of the state Democratic Party, said the governor was "irresponsible" for being inaccessible. "I don't begrudge the governor vacation time," Fowler said Tuesday morning. "But they need to make certain their duties are taken care of while they're gone." Jenny Sanford said Monday she had not spoken with her husband for several days, including [Father's Day](#). The Sanfords have four sons. "He was writing something and wanted some space to get away from the kids," she told The Associated Press while vacationing at the family's Sullivans Island beach house. A message left for her wasn't returned after the governor's hiking plans were disclosed. "It's one thing for the boys to go off by themselves, but on Father's Day to leave your family behind? That's erratic," Land said. "And when those officials can't get in touch with the commander, it's really weird. That's not responsible." Sanford is known for taking walks and runs without security, but flight logs show he seldom leaves the state without it. His security team wouldn't comment. And Sanford's office normally makes no secret of time he spends on vacation or out of state. Sen. Jake Knotts, a Lexington Republican and a persistent Sanford critic, said the state needs to know where its governor is. "The way things are in the world today and homeland security, we need the governor to be fingertips away," Knotts said.

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Description: A top South Carolina Republican leader says philandering Gov. [Mark Sanford](#) should resign and practice the philosophy he's preached of holding GOP leaders accountable. Glenn McCall is one of the state's two national representatives to the Republican National Committee. He's also a county party chairman and said Thursday that party members want Sanford out. McCall said Sanford repeatedly has said party leaders should be held accountable for not upholding the GOP's principles.

He said the married father of four should be held to the same standard. **Sanford With Family After Confession:** Gov. Mark Sanford is with his family following the startling confession that he has been having a yearlong extramarital affair with a woman from Argentina. Sanford spokesman Joel Sawyer said Thursday the governor was with his family at their beach home on Sullivans Island. [First lady](#) Jenny Sanford and the couple's four sons have been staying at the house recently. The first lady was not with the governor when he admitted at a news conference Wednesday that he had been in Argentina during his unexplained absence from the state. Both have said they plan to try to reconcile. Sawyer said Sanford has spent the last two days touching base with other elected officials and has personally apologized to his staff. **Newspaper Releases E-Mails From Sanford To Mistress:** The State newspaper, of Columbia, released e-mails on Wednesday night that it said were sent from Gov. Mark Sanford to his Argentinean mistress. On Wednesday, Sanford admitted during a news conference that he had an affair with a friend from Argentina that he met eight years ago. He said the relationship began innocently, with the exchange of e-mails. He said that within the last year, the relationship developed into much more. "The bottom line is this," Sanford said. "I've been unfaithful to my wife." The State newspaper said that it obtained several e-mails in December that were sent from the governor to his mistress. One of the e-mails reads: "In the meantime, please sleep soundly knowing that despite the best efforts of my head, my heart cries out for you, your voice, your body, the touch of your lips, the touch of your finger tips and an even deeper connection to your soul." FOX Carolina contacted the governor's office to verify the authenticity of the e-mails, but the press secretary said he would have to defer to The State's news gathering process. **Sanford Admits Affair, Apologizes:** The admission of infidelity by the Republican governor comes after he disappeared for five days on a trip. His staff said he had gone hiking along the Appalachian Trail, but Sanford said the he had spent the last five days "crying in Argentina." Sanford said that he spent the last five days talking with the woman and the pair came to the conclusion that they should return to their spouses and families because it was the right thing to do. "God's laws are meant to protect us from ourselves," Sanford said. A teary-eyed Sanford apologized to his mistress, his children, his wife and his friends. The governor also apologized to his staff for "creating a fiction" that was then reported to the people of South Carolina. He also apologized to his constituents. The governor said that he resigned his position as chairman of the Republican Governor's Association. He said he wants to spend as much of his time as he can apologizing to the people of South Carolina and that he will not have time for the RGA. Sanford was whisked away before he could answer a question about whether he will resign as governor. **Jenny Sanford: I Asked Him To Leave:** South Carolina's first lady said she asked Gov. Mark Sanford to leave home and stop talking to her two weeks before he publicly admitted an affair with the woman he said he visited during a secret trip to Argentina. Jenny Sanford said in a statement Wednesday that she needed a trial separation from her husband of nearly 20 years to preserve her own sense of dignity. The governor said Wednesday that he has ended the yearlong affair and his wife has known about his infidelity for five months. The governor said he is seeking his wife's forgiveness and wants to reconcile. Jenny Sanford's statement said her husband has earned a chance to resurrect their marriage.

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Description: South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford said he considered resigning as his extramarital affair became public, but vowed to remain in office. Sanford spoke to The Associated Press on Sunday outside his coastal [home](#) on Sullivans Island. Wearing frayed khaki shorts and a [T-shirt](#), Sanford talked about his faith in God and said that leaving office would be the easy way out. The governor admitted last week to a yearlong affair with a woman in Argentina. Sanford and his wife, Jenny, have said they will try to reconcile. **Argentine Woman Admits To Sanford Relationship:** A 41-year-old Argentine woman has acknowledged having a relationship with Sanford. In a statement sent to news network C5n of Buenos Aires, Argentina, Maria Belen Chapur said she will not talk about her private life. She said e-mail exchanges with Sanford that were widely published by U.S. media and elsewhere were obtained by someone who hacked her account. She denied the hacker was a friend of hers. Chapur said she suspects she knows who the hacker is but will not identify him, because she lacks proof and for legal reasons. She said Sunday's 200-word statement will be her only comment on the matter.

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Description: Snak-Time Foods in Gaffney said it will be expanding its Cherokee County operation, adding 40 jobs. Kara Borie, a representative of the South Carolina Department of Commerce, said that the company is planning to invest \$800,000 into its Gaffney facility. The company, which makes sandwiches for food service companies, convenience stores and school systems, is expanding to make room for its new product line of frozen biscuits. "Gaffney has been a good fit for our company and offers us an excellent business environment and solid labor force," said Snak-Time Foods CEO Roy Elswick. Snak-Time Foods was founded in 1995 and is based in Boiling Springs, N.C. It was purchased by Tasty Blend Foods in 2005.

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Description: A new Wal-Mart Supercenter in western North Carolina is hiring. The wholesale store on South Main Street in Weaverville is looking to hire 350 people. The store's hiring center said it is accepting applications for both full-time and part-time employees who would begin working in May. Weaverville's new Wal-Mart store is scheduled to open in late spring.

April 2, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Concluding his first international summit, President Barack [Obama](#)  hailed agreements at the emergency meeting of world powers Thursday as a "turning point in our pursuit of global economic recovery." The new U.S. leader said the heads of industrial countries that met in London agreed on "unprecedented steps to restore growth and prevent a crisis like this from happening again." He spoke shortly after G-20 leaders pledged an additional \$1.1 trillion in financing to the International Monetary Fund and other global institutions and declared a crackdown on tax havens and hedge funds. The leaders announced the creation of a supervisory body to flag problems in the global financial system -- but did not satisfy calls from the U.S. and others for new stimulus measures. Despite that failure, Obama called the one-day London gathering "very productive" and historic because of the scope of the challenges the world faces in righting the economic crisis that's wreaking havoc on virtually every country. "The challenge is clear. The global economy is contracting," Obama said. In a news conference packed with media from across the world, Obama also praised the G-20 nations for rejecting protectionism that hampers foreign trade and could deepen the economic crisis, and he urged global unity, saying, "We owe it to all of our citizens to act." Still, he said, "it is hard for 20 heads of state to bridge our differences." "I think we did OK," he said. "When I came here it was with the intention of listening and learning but also providing American leadership." He said the document the G-20 produced and actions that will follow "reflect a range of our priorities." "We wanted to make sure we had a strong, coordinated response to growth" and "we thought it was important we had a strong, coordinated regulatory response," Obama said -- and added that both were achieved.

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Description: Consumer prices dipped unexpectedly in March, leaving prices over the past year falling at the fastest clip in more than a half-century. The recession is expected to keep a lid on inflation as widespread layoffs dampen wage pressures and weak demand keeps companies from raising prices. The Labor Department said Wednesday that consumer prices edged down 0.1 percent last month as a drop in energy prices offset the biggest rise in tobacco prices in more than a decade. It was a better performance than the 0.1 percent rise in the Consumer Price Index that economists had expected. Over the past 12 months, consumer prices have fallen 0.4 percent, the first 12-month decline since a similar drop for the year ending in August 1955. Meanwhile, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday that production at the nation's factories, mines and utilities dropped a seasonally adjusted 1.5 percent in March, the fifth straight monthly decline. That matched February's drop and was worse than the 1 percent dip analysts expected. Factories and mines are increasingly idle, as the total industrial capacity utilization rate fell to 69.3 percent from 70.3 percent, the lowest on records dating to 1967, the Fed said. Core inflation, which excludes energy and

food, rose 0.2 percent last month, matching the gains of the past three months. It was slightly higher than the 0.1 percent rise economists expected. Over the past 12 months, core inflation has risen 1.8 percent. While some economists have expressed fears the recession could spawn a destabilizing period of falling prices, other analysts point to the rise in core inflation as evidence that deflation remains only a distant threat. In fact, some economists worry that all of the moves the Federal Reserve has made to fight the recession and the worst financial crisis in 70 years could be sowing the seeds for inflation troubles down the road. In a speech Tuesday, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke repeated assurances that the central bank is always mindful of the threats of inflation and is prepared to remove the monetary stimulus it has provided once the economy shows signs of stabilizing. On Wall Street, stocks were mixed as investors worried about the latest signs that the economy has a long way to go before stabilizing and [Intel Corp.](#)'s decision not to provide detailed forecasts for future quarters. The Dow Jones industrial average added about 30 points in afternoon trading, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose and the tech-heavy Nasdaq fell. For March, energy prices fell 3 percent, reversing a 3.3 percent jump in February. Gasoline prices fell 4 percent last month, home heating oil plunged 8.5 percent and natural gas slid 4.8 percent. Food costs dropped 0.1 percent in March. Dairy products led the decline with a drop of 2.4 percent. More than half of the increase in costs outside of food and energy came from an 11 percent rise in tobacco prices, the biggest one-month surge in that category since December 1988. New car prices also rose in March by 0.6 percent, but airline fares declined 2.3 percent. Clothing costs, which had jumped in February by the largest amount in nearly two decades, posted a 0.2 percent drop in March. The nation has not had a prolonged bout of deflation since the Great Depression of the 1930s, although Japan suffered through a deflationary period during the 1990s after a [real estate](#) bubble burst there. The 0.1 percent dip in consumer prices followed a report Tuesday that inflation at the wholesale level fell 1.2 percent last month, a decline also heavily influenced by a plunge in energy prices. Only last summer, Fed officials worried that a surge in energy costs could spread to other areas and boost inflation to unacceptable levels. But after the financial crisis struck in the fall, the central bank switched signals and is aggressively fighting to keep the economy from falling into an even deeper recession. Job cuts across the economy are expected to keep the lid on wage demands and overall inflation. The government earlier this month reported that the unemployment rate shot up to 8.5 percent in March as businesses cut a net total of 663,000 jobs. More layoffs were announced this week. UBS AG, Switzerland's largest bank, said it expects a first-quarter loss of about \$1.75 billion and will cut 8,700 jobs worldwide by the end of next year. ArcelorMittal SA, the world's largest steel maker, said it will idle a plant in Indiana and lay off about 400 workers. Credit card company Discover Financial Services said it plans to cut 500 jobs next month, or 4 percent of its work force.

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Description: A South Carolina textile mill in Anderson County has announced plans to close, leaving 145 people without jobs. The Anderson Independent-Mail reported Tuesday that Mount Vernon Mills will close its plant in Williamston in June. The Mauldin company has 14 production facilities [nationwide](#) -- including sites in South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi and Texas. Williamston officials said the town's revenue will be cut 8 percent by the closure. The company makes denim, flame-retardant fabrics, automotive fabrics and synthetic pine straw. The Williamston facility made fabrics for home furnishings and apparel.

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Description: The western North Carolina theme park Ghost Town in the Sky announced Tuesday that it will be hiring about 200 people for its 2009 season. Park management said a job fair will be held on Saturday at the park's welcome center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The jobs that are up for grabs include positions in maintenance, security, retail, [landscaping](#), transportation, food service, ride operations and performers. Management asked that anyone intending to apply for open positions bring two forms of identification with them to the job fair. People planning to audition for the dance positions were asked to bring comfortable clothes, a resume, a headshot and should be able to perform a split, cartwheel and double turn. Vocalists were asked to bring music and a short accompaniment CD. For more [information](#), call 828-926-1140.

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Description: Finance officials of the world's economic powers urged Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner on Friday to move quickly to clean up banking turmoil in the U.S. to keep up the momentum in global efforts to lift the entire world out of the worst recession since the 1930s. The big goal: Get banks in every land to start lending money again. Fixing financial institutions in the U.S. and around the world and jump-starting lending must be done before the global economy can rebound, British finance minister Alistair Darling said as meetings of the Group of Seven major industrialized nations and the Group of 20, which includes emerging economies like Brazil, India and China, got under way. "We need to kick start [credit](#)," Darling said. "We need to get credit flowing again, and that means you've got to sort out these toxic assets. So I hope America, the United States can make

progress as fast as it possibly can. That's one of the things we'll be discussing at this afternoon's meetings of the G-7 and G-20." With job losses soaring and financial damage mounting, President Barack Obama and leaders of the Group of 20 nations adopted a sweeping strategy earlier this month. Now the details: The task at hand is for individual countries to carry through on their pledges and for financial officials to keep up the pressure on each other so that momentum is not lost. To that end, Geithner and [Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke](#) are meeting with their counterparts from the world's major industrial democracies. "Our task in Washington is to keep at this process of repair and reform," Geithner wrote in an opinion piece that ran in the Financial Times on Friday. The stakes are high: Fallout from the global recession has not only propelled unemployment around the world but also has pushed millions more into poverty, hunger and homelessness. A cascading number of banks have failed. Skittish companies, with sales and profits falling, have cut back sharply, leading to the loss of 5.1 million jobs in the United States alone since the downturn began. Britain's Darling says countries can't waste time putting their commitments into practice. "Our actions are now what count," Darling said. "There are no quick fixes. But because of the progress we have made, both domestically and globally, we can begin to restore confidence, save jobs and bring the world economy out of recession. Implementation is now our priority. We must all look for real progress ... to be made urgently. We don't have any time to lose." The World Bank estimates that 55 million to 90 million more people will be trapped in extreme poverty this year due to the worldwide recession. The number of chronically hungry people is expected to climb to more than 1 billion this year, reversing gains made in fighting malnutrition and making it even more urgent to invest in agriculture. Efforts by the United States and other countries to stabilize shaky banks, which have lost trillions in investments, were expected to figure prominently in Friday's closed-door discussions. Geithner might provide fellow finance officials with some insights on "stress tests" the United States has conducted on its top 19 banks to determine whether they have sufficient capital to weather another economic shock. He was more likely to talk about U.S. efforts to get dodgy mortgages and other toxic assets off banks' balance sheets to put the banks in a better position to boost lending. Dominique Strauss-Kahn, head of the International Monetary Fund, urged countries to move more quickly on such bank cleansing plans, which he said was key to stabilizing the banking system and turning around the world economy. "There are different ways to do it depending on country circumstances, but it must be done," Strauss-Kahn said. "Policymakers must resist the temptation to sweep the problem under the carpet." Steps by countries to stimulate their moribund economies through fiscal means-- tax reductions or increased government spending -- also were to be discussed at Friday's meeting. Besides the United States, other Group of Seven participants are Japan, Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada. Obama is counting on his \$787 billion recovery package, which includes tax cuts and spending on big public works projects, to help ease the U.S. recession, which has dragged on since December 2007. The International Monetary Fund, the world's financial firefighter, earlier this week called on world governments to boost stimulus spending, especially on infrastructure projects like roads and bridges, which would help create jobs and offer a longer-lasting tonic for economies that won't get back to normal any time soon. European nations, wary of running up huge budget deficits, have resisted U.S. pleas to ramp up such stimulus spending. "We may not all be in the same boat, but we're surely in the same storm," Geithner said this week. "The bottom line lesson of the last 18 months is that we as nations are in this crisis together." Finance officials "will say the situation remains grave but there are preliminary signs the pace of decline is slowing," said Michael Mussa, former chief economist at the IMF and now a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute, a Washington think tank. "However, they'll continue to press for vigorous efforts to end the recession and stimulate recovery." Following the G7 meeting, the Group of 20 nations, which adds major emerging powers such as China, Russia, India and Brazil, will meet over dinner Friday night. The IMF predicts the global economy will shrink this year. That's never happened in the post World War II period. Geithner and his counterparts also hope to make progress this weekend in fortifying the IMF.

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Description: A company plans to open a new facility in Spartanburg, brining more than 100 jobs to the city. Universal Nolin, a refrigerator parts maker, said it has purchased the old Beverage Air plant off Business 85 and plans to turn it into its newest facility. The company's relocation is a more than \$10 million investment in Spartanburg County, officials said. There was no word on when Universal Nolin plans to begin filling the jobs.

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Description: The pace of layoffs slowed in April when U.S. employers cut 539,000 jobs, the fewest in six months. But the unemployment rate climbed to 8.9 percent, the highest since late 1983, as many business remain wary of hiring given all the economic uncertainties. The Labor Department tally released Friday wasn't nearly as deep as the 620,000 job cuts that economists were expecting, and was helped by a burst of federal government hiring of temporary workers to prepare for the 2010 Census. The rise in the unemployment rate from 8.5 percent in March matched economists' forecasts. The new report underscored the toll the longest recession since World War II has taken on America's workers and companies. However, the slowdown in layoffs may bolster expectations that the worst of the downturn's hefty job losses are past. "There are glimmers of hope. We are moving in the right direction in terms of layoffs. They are measurably less bad than what we've been through,"

said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com. On Wall Street, the employment news gave stocks a lift. The Dow Jones industrials gained more than 90 points in morning trading. Still, companies will remain cautious in hiring, making it harder for laid-off workers to find new jobs. If laid-off workers who have given up looking for new jobs or have settled for part-time work are included, the unemployment rate would have been 15.8 percent in April, the highest on records dating back to 1994. The total number of unemployed now stands at 13.7 million, up from 13.2 million in March. Companies also kept a tight rein on workers hours. The average work week in April stayed at 33.2 hours, matching the record low set in March. Since the recession began in December 2007, the economy has lost a net total of 5.7 million jobs. As the recession eats into sales and profits, companies have turned to layoffs and other cost-cutting measures to survive the storm. Those including holding down workers' hours, and freezing or cutting pay. Job losses in February and March turned out to be deeper, according to revised figures. Employers cut 681,000 positions in February, 30,000 more than previously reported. They cut 699,000 jobs in March, more than the 663,000 first reported. The deepest job cuts of the recession -- 741,000 came in January. That was the most since the fall of 1949. Employers last month cut the fewest jobs since 380,000 in October. Nonetheless, the April job losses were widespread. Construction companies axed 110,000 jobs, down from 135,000 in March. Factories got rid of 149,000 jobs, down from 167,000 the month before. Retailers cut payrolls by nearly 47,000, less than the nearly 64,000 cut in March. And job losses in financial activities dropped by 40,000, down from 43,000 in the previous month. The slower pace of job losses -- along with 66,000 more federal jobs -- helped to temper the overall payroll reductions in April. The pick up in federal employment was mainly due to hiring of temporary census workers. Looking ahead, economists expect monthly job losses continuing for most -- if not all -- of this year. However, they are hoping the reductions won't be as deep. Fallout from housing, [credit](#) and financial crises -- the worst since the 1930s -- has hurt America's workers and companies, and the pain will continue. The jobs market traditionally doesn't rebound until well after an economic recovery starts. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke earlier this week gave his most optimistic prediction yet about the end of the recession, saying he expects the economy to start growing again this year -- although the comeback could be weak and more jobs will disappear even after a recovery takes hold. Companies will have little appetite to ramp up hiring until they feel the economy is truly out of the woods and a recovery is firmly rooted. Against that backdrop, many economists predict the unemployment rate will hit 10 percent by the end of this year. Bernanke stopped short of that figure, saying it will be somewhere in the 9 percent range. Regardless, both private economists and Bernanke agree the unemployment rate will keep climbing into next year. The Fed says unemployment will remain elevated into 2011. Economists say the job market may not get back to normal -- meaning a 5 percent unemployment rate -- until 2013. And the job cuts have continued this week. Steelmaker Severstal International said it's idling plants in West Virginia and Ohio, resulting in 3,100 layoffs due to the continuing deterioration of the steel industry. Microsoft Corp. said it was starting thousands of the 5,000 job cuts it announced in earlier this year and left the door open to even more layoffs. The Commerce Department on Friday said wholesale inventories dropped 1.6 percent in March, much larger than the 1 percent fall that analysts had expected. That followed a 1.7 percent drop in February; the largest monthly decline on records that go back 17 years. It was the seventh straight month that wholesale inventories fell as businesses struggled to get stockpiles in line with plunging sales. Wholesalers saw sales drop 2.4 percent in March, the fifth decline in six months. Still, glimmers of hope have emerged that the recession may be losing its grip on the country. The Labor Department on Thursday said the number of newly laid-off workers filing applications for jobless benefits plunged to the lowest level in 14 weeks, a possible sign that the massive wave of layoffs has peaked. Still, the number of unemployed workers drawing benefits climbed to a new record -- 6.35 million. Other reports showed sales at many retailers fared better in April, with Wal-Mart Stores Inc. leading the way. However, Friday's employment report showed that workers' wages barely budged in April, meaning consumers will probably stay somewhat cautious in the months ahead. Average hourly earnings nudged up to \$18.51 in April, a 0.1 percent rise from the previous month. In the U.S., the economy shrank at faster than a 6 percent annual rate late last year and early this year, the worst six-month performance since the late 1950s. Analysts think it is still shrinking now -- but probably at about half that pace. Many predict the economy could start growing in the third or fourth quarter as tax cuts and government spending on big public works projects included in President Barack Obama's \$787 billion stimulus package take hold. Later Friday, Obama was to outline steps to help the unemployed pursue education and training, and keep their unemployment benefits, too. Currently, Americans who are out of work and want to go back to school have to give up their monthly unemployment check. And if they decide to return to school, they often don't qualify for federal grants because eligibility is based upon the previous year's income.

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Description: Sykes Enterprises announced Monday that it plans to expand operations at all of its South Carolina locations, bringing 400 jobs to Greenwood. The South Carolina Department of Commerce said that the company will create 900 jobs among its three facilities in Greenwood, Williamsburg and Sumter counties. The Greenwood county and Williamsburg county facilities will have 400 people added to each of their workforce. The Sumter County location will get 100 new workers. "I am confident the commitment, dedication and outstanding work ethic Sykes found in South Carolina will lead to success for our clients and for the new communities in which we operate," said Sykes President and CEO Chuck Sykes. Sykes provides customer contact management solutions and services to [businesses](#).

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The Morning News

Description: Two Upstate businessmen have launched their own classifieds Web sites that work much like Craigslist.com. Andersonlist.com is mainly for people who live in the Anderson area. It allows residents to buy and sell things like auto parts, vehicles, electronics and furniture. It also allows users to post job openings and has a place for users to post personal ads. Jimbobslist.com targets buyers and sellers in rural areas across the country. It works just about the same as the previously mentioned Web site. Both of the Web sites' creators said they wanted to create a site that is clean and safe for everyone to use. "We're all big fans of Craigslist, but there is so much clutter and spam lately, and prostitution," said Andersonlist.com CEO Adam Minarovich. Both Web sites debuted about two weeks ago. The owners said they are getting about 200 hits a day.

May 13, 2009

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The Morning News

Description: Retail sales fell for a second straight month in April, a disappointing performance that raised doubts about whether consumers were regaining their desire to shop. A rebound in consumer demand is a necessary ingredient for ending the recession. The Commerce Department said Wednesday that retail sales fell 0.4 percent last month. Many economists had expected a flat reading, and the April weakness followed a 1.3 percent drop in March that was worse than first estimated. Retail sales had posted gains in January and February after falling for six straight months, raising hopes that the all-important consumer sector of the economy might be stabilizing. But the setbacks in March and April could darken some forecasts because consumer spending [accounts](#) for about 70 percent of economic activity. The hope had been that consumers were starting to feel better about spending, helped by the start of tax breaks included in the \$787 billion stimulus bill. Households had spent the fall hunkered down in the face of thousands of job layoffs and the worst [financial](#) crisis since the 1930's. The latest retail data "are yet another illustration that, although the worst is now over, there is still no evidence of an actual recovery," Paul Dales, U.S. economist with Capital Economics in Toronto, wrote in a research note. While anecdotal evidence suggests some improvement in sales in recent weeks, "to offset the plunge in wealth, the household saving rate still needs to double from the current rate of 4 percent," Dales wrote. "With falling employment hitting incomes, this can only be achieved by a further retrenchment in spending." The jobless rate rose to 8.9 percent in April when a net total of 539,000 jobs were lost and 13.7 million people were unemployed, the Labor Department said last week. Wall Street tumbled after the weaker-than-expected retail sales report. The Dow Jones industrial average lost about 130 points in morning trading, and broader indices also fell. In a separate report, the Commerce Department said business inventories fell 1 percent in March, a decline that matched economists' expectations. It marked the seventh straight decrease, the longest stretch since businesses cut inventories for 15 straight months in 2001 and 2002, a period that covered the last recession. Businesses are continuing to cut their stockpiles in the face of declining sales, a development that has intensified the current economic downturn. Still, the reductions in stockpiles held on shelves and in backlots eventually should help businesses get their inventories more in line with reduced sales. If that is the case, any strengthening in consumer demand should lead to increased production. The April retail sales dip came despite a 0.2 percent increase in auto sales, which fell 2 percent in March. Excluding autos, the drop in retail sales would have been 0.5 percent, much worse than the 0.2 percent gain economists expected. Sales outside of autos showed widespread weakness last month. Demand at department stores and general merchandise stores fell 0.1 percent and sales at specialty clothing stores dropped 0.5 percent. Department store operator Macy's Inc. on Wednesday reported a wider loss for the first quarter due partly to restructuring charges. Still, the company expects to see an improvement in sales from its localization efforts beginning in the fourth quarter of 2009, and in the spring of 2010. Liz Claiborne Inc. reported a first-quarter loss that was worse than Wall Street expected. The apparel maker said its quarterly loss swelled on restructuring charges and a drop in same-store sales stemming from lower consumer spending and an extra week of sales in the year-ago period. Sales also fell in April at furniture stores, electronic and appliance stores, food and beverage stores and gasoline stations, according to the Commerce Department. The performance at department stores and specialty clothing stores came as a surprise since the nation's big chain stores had reported better-than-expected results for April. Same-store sales rose 0.7 percent last month compared with April 2008. It was the first overall increase in six months, according to the tally by Goldman Sachs and the International Council of Shopping Centers. For April, some mall-based clothing stores saw their declines level off and Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, had reported its same-store sales rose 5 percent, excluding fuel, which beat expectations. Same-store sales or sales in stores open at least one year, is considered a key metric of a retailer's financial health. The chain store sales report last week showed that Gap, American Eagle and Wet Seal posted smaller sales declines at their established locations than analysts had forecast. The Children's Place, T.J. Maxx owner TJX Cos. Inc. and teen retailer The Buckle saw bigger gains than expected. But luxury stores again were hard hit as their higher-end wares find fewer takers. Consumer spending grew 2.2 percent in the first quarter of the year, after posting back-to-back quarterly declines in the last half of 2008. Economists believe the overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, will show a decline of around 2 percent in the current quarter. That would represent an improvement from the steep declines of 6.3 percent in the fourth quarter of last year and 6.1 percent in the first three months of this year, the worst six-month performance in a half-century.

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The Morning News

Description: Chrysler will close at least 25 dealerships in the Carolinas as part of a bankruptcy motion likely to devastate cities and towns. The company filed the motion with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New York on Thursday, citing low dealership sales. Plans to eliminate 789 of its 3,200 dealerships would close at least 14 stores in North Carolina and 11 in South Carolina. The motion states just over 50 percent of its dealers account for about 90 percent of the company's U.S. sales. Dealers may appeal the proposal. Chrysler has received \$4 billion in federal loans and has been operating under bankruptcy protection since April 30. The company's sales this year are down 46 percent compared with the first four months of last year. Chrysler reported a nearly \$17 billion net loss for 2008.

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May 21, 2009

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May 21, 2009

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The Morning News

Description: Spartanburg-based Milliken said it is cutting jobs and selling part of its [business](#). Milliken said Wednesday that it plans to sell its automotive fabrics division. The company said that 1,200 employees will be affected worldwide, but about 1,000 of those will be moving with the company who purchased that division. Some of the affected workers work at the Cotton Blossom warehouse in Spartanburg County. Milliken said that its plant in Abbeville County was also part of the sale. They said the Sharon plant will be shut down later this year, eliminating 140 jobs.

May 22, 2009

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May 22, 2009

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The Morning News

Description: South Carolina's unemployment has set a state record, with the jobless numbers for April reaching 11.5 percent. The numbers released on Friday broke a 26-year-old record. In March, the state unemployment rate was 11.4 percent. That matched the highest rate ever in the state, set in January 1983. Unemployment in South Carolina has now increased for 14 straight months. The number of unemployed workers in the state has more than doubled during that time to nearly 253,000 people. Nationally, the unemployment rate climbed to 8.9 percent in April. That was up nearly a half-point from 8.5 percent in March. A year ago, the U.S. rate was at 5.0 percent.

May 29, 2009

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The Morning News

Description: The United Auto Workers union has ratified a package of concessions designed to reduce General Motors Corp.'s labor costs, completing a key piece of the automaker's massive restructuring effort. UAW President Ron Gettelfinger said at a news conference Friday that 74 percent of GM's 54,000 U.S. production and skilled-trade workers voted in favor of the deal. The vote comes before an expected bankruptcy protection filing by GM on Monday. Bankruptcy experts say having the labor agreement in place will help move the process through court more quickly. "We accept what it is and did the best we could," Gettelfinger said. "We've given a lifeline to GM until they can rebound." UAW leaders agreed to the revised contract last week that freezes wages, ends bonuses, eliminates noncompetitive work rules and ends the possibility of a strike until the next contract expires in 2015. The UAW said the cuts would save GM \$1.2 billion to \$1.3 billion a year. "We very much appreciate the support of our employees and retirees," Diana Tremblay, GM vice president for labor relations, said in a statement. "Their shared sacrifices will enable GM to become a stronger, more viable company that will continue to deliver world-class cars and trucks." The agreement also gives a union-run retiree health care trust 17.5 percent ownership of a post-bankruptcy protection GM, with a warrant to buy another 2.5 percent. The trust will take on the company's retiree health care costs starting next year. The stock will come in exchange for part of the company's \$20 billion obligation to the trust. The trust also will get \$6.5 billion of preferred shares that pay 9 percent interest, plus a \$2.5 billion note. Gettelfinger said the union "didn't put a whole lot of emphasis" on the 2.5 percent warrants, which can be exercised when GM's value reaches \$75 billion. The company's equity value currently stands at \$683 million. "We feel comfortable with where we're at with the 17.5 percent. We're comfortable with the preferred stock," he said. "We're basing everything else on reality." GM has received \$19.4 billion in loans from the U.S. government, which would get 72.5 percent ownership of the new company, perhaps sharing with the Canadian government. The remaining 10 percent would go to GM bondholders to wipe out \$27 billion in unsecured debt. Bondholders have until 5 p.m. EDT Saturday to accept or reject the stock-for-debt offer, under which they would get a warrant for an additional 15 percent of the new GM's stock. Existing GM shareholders would be left with little or nothing, and GM shares fell 32 cents, or 29 percent, to 80 cents in afternoon trading. They fell as low as 75 cents earlier Friday, their lowest level since the Great Depression. Plans are for GM to emerge from bankruptcy with lower labor costs, far less debt and with fewer factories, brands, models and dealerships. Even workers at factories in Spring Hill, Tennessee; Pontiac, Michigan; and Orion Township, Michigan, that are under discussion for possible closure approved the deal. "I believe that our membership understands. They get it," said Ray Wood, president of a UAW local at a Toledo, Ohio, transmission factory that voted 78 percent in favor of the deal. On Monday, GM is to identify 14 assembly, parts stamping and engine

and transmission factories that it plans to close as part of its restructuring plan, cutting 21,000 jobs. Gettelfinger said GM is "getting close" to finalizing which plants will close. He said four of GM's plants slated to close will remain on "standby" with the hopes that vehicle sales will rise, creating greater demand. GM announced earlier Friday that one of those 14 plants would be retooled to make subcompact cars starting in 2011.

June 3, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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June 3, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A new federal report shows South Carolina's economy grew last year, despite the recession. The State newspaper of Columbia reported Wednesday that the report by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis said that South Carolina's gross domestic product increased 0.6 percent in 2008. The gross domestic product is the total value of all goods and services produced in the state. South Carolina's totaled \$127 billion last year. The national increase was 0.7 percent. Wachovia senior economist Mark Vitner said the growth is a bit of a surprise. But Vitner said he expects the Carolinas to face economic challenges for the next year or so. The report shows South Carolina lost production in construction, manufacturing and the [finance](#) sector last year. Other areas of the economy allowed the state to post the slight increase.

June 5, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 5, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
June 5, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: With companies in no mood to hire, the unemployment rate jumped to 9.4 percent in May, the highest in more than 25 years. But the pace of layoffs eased, with employers cutting 345,000 jobs, the fewest since September. The much smaller-than-expected reduction in payroll jobs, reported by the Labor Department on Friday, adds to evidence that the recession is loosening its hold on the country. It marked the fourth straight month that the pace of layoffs slowed. "This tide is turning," said Richard Yamarone, economist at Argus Research. "We expect this trend of slower job loss to continue throughout the year." Still, the increase in the nation's unemployment rate from 8.9 percent in April underscores the difficulties that America's 14.5 million unemployed are having in finding new jobs. Economists had expected the rate to hit 9.2 percent last month. If laid-off workers who have given up looking for new jobs or have settled for part-time work are included, the unemployment rate would have been 16.4 percent in May, the highest on records dating to 1994. Labor Secretary Hilda Solis called the rise in May's unemployment rate "unacceptable" and pledged to help bring it down by aiding the unemployed get new skills or training. President Barack Obama's stimulus package is expected to help bolster the economy. Vice President Joe Biden said he will join Obama on Monday in seeking to ramp up the pace this summer of the stimulus effort that Congress approved earlier this year. Even with layoffs slowing, companies will be reluctant to hire until they feel certain that economic conditions are improving and that any recovery will last. Since the recession began in December 2007, the economy has lost a net total of 6 million jobs. As the recession -- which is now the longest since World War II -- bites into sales and profits, companies have turned to layoffs and other cost-cutting measures to survive the fallout. Those include holding down workers' hours and freezing or cutting pay. The average work week in May fell to 33.1 hours, the lowest on records dating to 1964. The number of people out of work six months or longer rose to more than 3.9 million in May, triple the amount from when the recession began. Stocks rallied on the better-than-expected number of payroll reductions, but then gave back most of the gains. The [Dow Jones](#) industrial average added about 10 points in afternoon trading. Broader indexes dipped. Job losses -- while slower in May -- were still widespread. Construction companies cut 59,000 jobs, down from 108,000 in April. Factories cut 156,000, on top of 154,000 in the previous month. Retailers cut 17,500 positions, compared with 36,500 in April. [Financial](#) activities cut 30,000, down from 45,000 in April. Even the government reduced employment -- by 7,000 -- after bulking up by 92,000 in April as it added workers for the 2010 Census. Education, health care, leisure and hospitality were among the industries adding jobs in May. Solis believes the stimulus already has helped "to stabilize employment in the retail and service sectors" and played a role in reducing job losses in construction in May. In another encouraging note, job losses in both March and April were less than previously thought. Employers cut 652,000 positions in March, versus 699,000 previously reported. They eliminated 504,000 jobs in April, less than the 539,000 initially estimated. The deepest job cuts of the recession came in January when 741,000 jobs disappeared, the most since 1949. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke repeated his prediction this week that the recession will end this year, but again warned that any recovery will be gradual. Many economists believe the jobless rate will hit 10 percent by the end of this year. Some think it could rise as high as 10.7 percent by the second quarter of next year before it starts to make a slow descent. The post-World War II high was 10.8 percent at the end of 1982. Friday's report "supports the notion that the recession will end this year," Yamarone said. But pain will linger and the jobless rate will move higher. He predicts it will peak at 10.2 percent early next year. The Fed says unemployment will remain elevated into 2011 given the expectation of tepid recovery. Economists say the job market may not get back to normal -- meaning a 5 percent unemployment rate -- until 2013. Economic recoveries after financial crises tend to be slower, economists say. Evidence has been mounting that the recession is letting up, with fresh signs emerging earlier this week. The number of people continuing to draw unemployment benefits dipped for the first time in 20 weeks, and first-time claims also fell. Manufacturing's slide is slowing. Builders are boosting spending on construction projects and a barometer of home sales firmed. Although shoppers remain cautious according to sales results from major retailers, Bernanke and other economists are hopeful that consumers won't return to the deep hibernation seen at the end

of last year. That's when the recession hit with brutal force, causing the economy to contract at a 6.3 percent pace, the most in 25 years. Consumers cut their spending at the time by the most in nearly three decades. Economic activity shrank at a 5.7 percent pace in the first three months of this year, despite a rebound by consumers. Many analysts believe the economy is shrinking at about a 2 percent pace in the current quarter, and that the economy could return to growth as soon as the third quarter. Ripple-effects from General Motors Corp.'s filing for bankruptcy protection -- the fourth largest in U.S. history -- could muddy the outlook, some analysts said. GM said earlier this week it will close nine factories and idle three others indefinitely as part of its restructuring. The closings, which will take place through the end of 2010, will cost up to 20,000 workers their jobs.

June 9, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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June 9, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The Treasury Department has approved 10 of the nation's largest banks to repay \$68 billion in government bailout money. The department on Tuesday said the banks, which were not named, will be allowed to repay the money they received from the \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program created by Congress last October at the height of the [financial](#) crisis. The banks have been eager to get out of the program to escape government restrictions such as caps on executive compensation. Among the banks that last month passed government "stress tests" and confirmed that they received permission to repay the bailout [funds](#) were: JPMorgan Chase & Co., American Express Co., U.S. Bancorp, Capital One Financial Corp., Bank of New York Mellon Corp. and BB&T Corp. Morgan Stanley did not pass the government test, but on Tuesday said it had raised enough capital quickly and was approved to repay its TARP money. Northern Trust Corp. was not among the 19 banks subjected to stress tests, but the company said it also had received permission to repay the bailout funds. Experts say allowing 10 banks to return \$68 billion in bailout money illustrates some stability has returned to the system but caution that the crisis isn't over. Some worry the repayments could widen the gap between healthy and weak banks. More than 600 banks nationwide have received nearly \$200 billion in TARP money and 22 smaller banks already have repaid it. "These repayments are an encouraging sign of financial repair, but we still have work to do," Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner said in a statement. The firms now have the right to purchase the warrants Treasury holds in their firm "at fair market value." Besides Treasury's potential income from the sale of the warrants, the 10 banks already have paid dividends on the preferred stock totaling about \$1.8 billion over the last seven months. Dividend payments received for all participants are about \$4.5 billion to date, according to Treasury. The amounts the banks could repay are: -- JPMorgan: \$25 billion -- Morgan Stanley: \$10 billion -- U.S. Bancorp: \$6.6 billion -- Capital One: \$3.6 billion -- American Express: \$3.4 billion -- BB&T: \$3.1 billion -- Bank of New York Mellon: \$3 billion -- Northern Trust: \$1.6 billion. The push to repay the funds comes a month after "stress tests" of the nation's 19 largest financial firms found that 10 needed to raise \$75 billion more to protect against future losses. All of those banks, including Citigroup Inc. and Bank of America Corp., had submitted plans by late Monday to bolster their capital cushions that were enough to help them survive a deeper recession, the Federal Reserve said. The other nine institutions had to prove they could raise enough private capital without federal guarantees before they could return the money. So far, 16 of the 19 banks have raised \$75.2 billion, mostly by selling common stock. Regulators want to avoid letting a bank repay its TARP money only to have it return months later in worse shape, seeking another handout.

June 10, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 10, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
June 10, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: A company that makes truck braking systems plans to expand a South Carolina plant, adding about 50 jobs. The Herald of Rock Hill reported Wednesday that county documents show that Arvin Meritor plans to spend more than \$9 million to upgrade its plant in York. The company would not provide details but confirmed its interest in [investing](#) in the York plant. The York County Council has approved an incentive package that would reduce property [taxes](#) by as much as 43 percent if the expansion is completed.

June 12, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 12, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
June 12, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Stax Omega said it will be closing its [restaurant](#) off Pelham Road soon. The company said the restaurant is too close to the original Stax Omega location on Orchard Park. Officials with the company said the poor economy has also reduced the amount of customers that come to eat at the restaurant. Stax Omega is a diner-style restaurant known for serving breakfast all day. The company said that employees at the Pelham Road location will be transferred to other [restaurants](#) in the area. A new Stax Omega location may open up somewhere else later, the company said.

June 15, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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June 15, 2009	5:00a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: Extended Stay Hotels LLC filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Monday, citing massive debt stemming from its 2007 acquisition by the Lightstone Group and a sharp drop in business travel due to the recession. The Spartanburg, S.C.-based company's brands include Extended Stay Deluxe, Extended Stay America Efficiency Studios, Homestead Studio Suites, StudioPLUS Deluxe Studios and Crossland Economy Studios. The privately held company owns more than 680 hotels in the U.S. and Canada catering to long-term business travelers. The hotels are managed by HVM LLC, a separate company. In June 2007, just as the hotel market peaked, the Lightstone Group, one of the country's largest private real estate [investors](#), bought Extended Stay from private equity firm Blackstone Group LP. Lightstone financed the purchase with about \$7.4 billion in loans. By last summer, hotel occupancy was softening, and it declined sharply after September. Led by a drop in corporate travel, that decline has accelerated as businesses have cut their staffs and their spending. "The tightening credit markets, the reduction in construction activity and increased unemployment have decreased the demand for extended-stay accommodations, as fewer construction sites, consulting opportunities and travel plans are coming to fruition," the company said in court documents. Guests at Extended Stay's hotels lodge an average of 18 to 20 nights, compared with two to three nights at other hotels, HVM said in a statement released Monday. Extended Stay's revenue totaled about \$1 billion in 2008. Revenue per available room, or revpar, at its hotels tumbled 23.2 percent last year. Revpar is a key gauge of a hotelier's performance because it measures both occupancy and room rates. According to the bankruptcy documents, Extended Stay's assets totaled about \$7.1 billion at the end of 2008, while it had roughly \$7.6 billion in debt. The bankruptcy filing allows Extended Stay's hotels to continue operating while the company attempts to reorganize its [finances](#) under court supervision. HVM President and CEO Gary DeLapp said, according to the HVM statement, that guests should not notice any changes in the company's services because of the bankruptcy filing. "All hotels are open and welcoming guests as usual," he said. DeLapp said Extended Stay doesn't plan to close or sell any hotels, and he expects employees and corporate staff to continue receiving their usual pay and benefits. Extended Stay, through HVM, employs about 10,000 employees in its hotels and facilities. "Our end of the business -- hotel operations and administration -- remains strong on an operating basis," DeLapp said. "Because we generate significant positive cash flow, ESI does not need (debtor-in-possession) financing to meet its operating obligations." Extended Stay filed in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Southern District of New York on Monday. A company representative did not immediately respond to a request for further comment. Extended Stay has retained the law firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP and financial adviser Lazard Freres & Co.

June 16, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
June 16, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
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Description: Greenville-based Michelin North America has been named as one of the nation's top workplaces for information-technology professionals. The company ranked 18th out of 100 companies named by IDG's Computerworld, a magazine for those in the IT industry. The survey appeared in the June 15 issue of the m

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Sundays 9:30 am TAYLORS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Description: A church service that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)

April 1, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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April 1, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: The recession is threatening to shut down the Shriners Children's Hospital in Greenville. The hospital is one of five Shriners facilities across the country in jeopardy because of budget shortfalls. The Greenville hospital specializes in pediatric orthopedic care and treats thousands of children every year, free of charge. An anonymous source told FOX Carolina that if the hospital were to close, it would put 250 workers out of a job. A parent of a former patient of the hospital said that closing the facility would be a mistake. "People are losing their [houses](#)," said Mary Borum, a parent whose daughter was treated at the hospital. "People are losing their cars. People are losing their jobs. What we need to realize is this: this is not a house, this is not a car, these are kids who can't receive this kind of care anywhere else." The other facilities on the chopping block are in Shreveport, La.; Erie, Penn.; Spokane, Wash.; and Springfield, Mass. The fate of the five hospitals will be determined when the Shriners' board meets this summer.

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April 2, 2009	5a-9:00am	The Morning News

Description: South Carolina child advocates said that cooperation among lawmakers, the community and business leaders is needed to fight child abuse. Sue Williams, executive director of the Children's Trust of South Carolina, said that her group is bringing several organizations together to fight for children and promote strong families. Williams said the work is crucial in hard economic times. After the event, a Democratic lawmaker said Republican Gov. Mark Sanford should fulfill his proclamation of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month by accepting federal stimulus cash. Sen. Vincent Sheheen of Camden said there is a direct link between education and improving the lives of children. In February, Sheheen became the first in his party to announce a bid for the governor's job.

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Description: Lawmakers have advanced a bill requiring women in South Carolina to wait at least a day after their ultrasound before getting an abortion. The Senate Medical Affairs Committee approved the bill Thursday, sending it to the Senate floor for debate. The House passed the measure in February. The bill increases the wait time from one hour to one day and ties the clock to an ultrasound. Supporters said it gives women more time to reflect on the decision. They hope it leads to fewer abortions. Critics contend women already spend time agonizing over the decision. They said requiring two trips creates a burden, especially for poor, rural women who may have to take two days off work.

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Description: Law enforcement officers from all over Greenville County are camping out on top of the Krispy Kreme store on Pleasantburg Drive to raise money for a good cause. Officers from the Greenville Police Department, Greenville County Sheriff's Office and Highway Patrol were up at 6 a.m. setting up and preparing for their stay. Their goal is to raise \$10,000 for the Special Olympics during the 30-hour-long "Cops On Doughnut Shops" fundraiser. They had already raised \$1,200 by Friday morning, using a bucket attached to a rope to hoist the cash to the roof from donors below. "I think it's important because it gives them a great opportunity to do things that normal kids get to do," said Ashton Brock, a student at Northwest Middle School

who had dropped some money into the pail. "When you go to a Special Olympics competition, it doesn't matter if you're first or last," said Brian Maddux, a Special Olympics coach. "Everybody is just so pumped. Just to be around that is life-changing." In exchange for a donation, patrons can get free doughnuts, T-shirts and hats. The fundraiser ends at noon on Saturday.

April 8, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: A soldier from Greenville was recently awarded the Bronze Star while he was serving in Iraq. Maj. Perry Bennett works in the communications department, which allows soldiers to talk to other troops and connect with their families back home. Bennett said he was surprised and honored to receive the award. "I have it in my personal baggage to take home and show my wife and parents when I return home," Bennett said. "To do good work and eventually it get noticed – that's a really nice thing. Bennett has served in the military for 20 years.

April 9, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
April 9, 2009	6:30pm	News at 6:30
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Description: Organizers of Greenville's annual arts festival, "Artisphere," announced their plans for this year's festivities on Wednesday. Visitors can expect the usual paintings, sculptures, dancing and food in downtown Greenville during Mother's Day weekend, May 8-10. This year's festival will include a variety of performing artists, covering everything from the theater to music. It will also feature some culinary artists from some of Greenville's finest restaurants. Arts and crafts for children will also be a big attractions, planners said. Organizers said the festival helps shine a spotlight on Greenville's downtown. "This is about making art accessible to our citizens," said Brad Campbell of Artisphere. "It's about economic development , quality of life and about promoting tourism to Greenville." This will be the festival's fifth year. Admission is free.

April 23, 2009	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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Description: Volunteering has helped define a generation of young Americans who are known for their do-gooder ways. Many high [schools](#) require community service before graduation. And these days, donating time to a charitable organization is all but expected on a young person's college or job application. Even so, an analysis of federal data has found that the percentage of teens who volunteer dipped in recent years, ending an upward trend that began after the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. "They're still volunteering at higher rates than their parents did," says Peter Levine, director of Tufts University's Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning & Engagement, also known as CIRCLE. But, he adds, there's been "a loss of momentum," which he hopes recent passage of the federal Serve America Act will help address. CIRCLE researchers used data from the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey for their study, which was released Thursday and funded, in part, by the Corporation for National and Community Service. They found that one in three teens, age 16 to 18, volunteered in 2005, representing a peak in community service for all age groups since the survey began tracking volunteerism in 2002. In 2006, however, that rate dropped to 29 percent and then to 28 percent in 2007, the most recent year for which data is available. Those are the lowest percentages for that age group since the data has been collected and just one percentage point higher than adults 25 and older each of those years. Separate market research done for VolunteerMatch, an online site that links visitors with about 63,000 nonprofit groups, found a similar decline in queries from under-18 users. But many agree that the reasons behind such numbers are more complicated than young people simply losing interest in giving back, especially in an era when so many worked without pay for the Obama campaign, while some who can't find jobs are volunteering to make use of their time and talents. Some nonprofit directors confirm that they've seen a surge in people seeking to volunteer since the recession hit. "It's not just the incredible disappearing teen volunteer," says Robert Rosenthal of San Francisco-based VolunteerMatch. CIRCLE researchers note a drop in funding in recent years for youth-oriented service programs such as AmeriCorps, which will receive new Serve America Act money next year. Nonprofits have struggled, too. Project Sunshine, an organization founded by a college student in 1998, has more than 10,000 volunteers who visit hospitalized children. More than half of those are 22 or younger, and hundreds more have asked about volunteering in recent months, says executive director Beatrice Kernan. "We hate to turn down new interest, but we're in a position of having to put this new interest on hold," she says, citing recent staff layoffs. The difficult job market has caused some young people to look at AmeriCorps and service-oriented Teach for America, which recruits educators for low-income urban and rural areas. But even those opportunities can be elusive. "One of my best

[students](#) got wait-listed for Teach for America -- and I thought holy cow!" says Deborah Halperin, a volunteer coordinator at Illinois Wesleyan University. Other students, she says, are trying to finish college early to find jobs or setting aside volunteer aspirations to work part time while still in school. Diallo Burke, an 18-year-old college freshman from College Park, Ga., did the latter in high school. He was a volunteer math tutor in seventh grade. "But my volunteer hours and participation started to drop in high school, and my main reason for this was money," says Burke, who cut way back on volunteering to work at McDonald's. Now a prelaw major at Bard College at Simon's Rock in Massachusetts, he's finally volunteering again, this time at a local community center. "It feels good," he says. The CIRCLE study found wide differences in youth volunteering rates, state to state. Vermont, North Dakota, Alaska, Utah and Washington were among those with the highest percentages of 16- to 18-year-olds (all above 40 percent, when combining the 2006 and 2007 samples). Meanwhile, Nevada, Georgia, New Mexico, New York and South Carolina ranked among the lowest, with Nevada at about 14 percent and the others in the 20 percent range. Increasing those rates would require more volunteer opportunities for lower-income teens, says Romero Brown, vice president of program and youth development services for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, which is expanding its volunteer initiatives. "They want to give back, but they often don't know how," Brown says. For others, community service is a chore, says 16-year-old Ashley Hawkins, who volunteers in the rehab unit at Levindale Hebrew Geriatric Center and Hospital in Baltimore. "Honestly, I think a lot of people my age feel like they have to do service hours. They're like 'Why do I have to do this?'" she says. "But it really can be a life-changing experience.

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Description: The number of vacationing Americans will be down this summer, according to a new AP-GfK Poll, and a third of Americans surveyed said they have already canceled at least one trip this year because of financial concerns. Overall, the survey found only 42 percent of Americans plan a leisure trip this summer, down from the 49 percent who said they planned to take a summer trip in an AP-Ipsos poll conducted in May 2005. Not surprisingly, the less money you make, the less likely you are to take a vacation. More than two-thirds of those in the \$100,000-plus bracket will take some type of leisure trip this summer, compared to 48 percent of those earning \$50,000-\$100,000 and just one-third of those with family incomes under \$50,000. In terms of destinations, 12 percent of those planning a trip said they would stay in their home state, 67 percent will go to another state and 19 percent will travel outside the U.S. The poll also found that 20 percent of those planning a trip this summer will stay closer to home this year due to economic worries, while 23 percent will save money by staying with friends or family instead of a hotel. Despite the downturn, travel bargains are tempting a small number of people -- mostly upper-income -- to take bigger and better trips. Seven percent of all Americans and 18 percent of those earning more than \$100,000 said they would take more elaborate trips than usual because of lower prices. The poll was conducted by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Media from April 16-20 by landline and cell phone telephone interviews with a nationally representative random sample of 1,000 adults. The margin of error was plus or minus 3.1 percentage points. Arch Woodside, a professor of marketing at Boston College who specializes in tourism, described the overall decrease in summer travel as "a substantial drop" that will have a significant impact on the industry, especially in places like Florida and New York City where tourism is big business. Woodside said travel could shrink even more next year as new economic realities sink in. "Most people unconsciously maintain their lifestyles immediately after a big drop in their economic well-being: an 'I'm going to be all right' response," Woodside said. "The impact of their new lower economic reality becomes conscious reality in the second year following a big change." Age-wise, 30-49-year-olds were most likely to travel, with 48 percent planning a trip. Among those ages 18-29, 43 percent said they would travel, and among those ages 50-64, 41 percent plan a trip. The real drop-off is among older folks: Just 34 percent of those 65 or older plan to travel this summer. Among those saying the economy is keeping them home, Tonya Severine of Bladenboro, N.C., said her husband "works construction and there's nothing going on right now." With three children, a vacation is not feasible, but she hopes to spend time outside with the kids, even if it means "staying in the backyard." Jon-Paul Juetten, a 2008 graduate of Pepperdine University living in Los Angeles, says he has to "keep looking for a job in order to stay afloat. Taking a vacation isn't possible." He has a degree in advertising and art history, and his dream is to work in entertainment advertising, but he says he'll "do anything from graphic design to granding to media planning." He's doing odd jobs meanwhile to avoid moving back home. Nancy Saaranen of Saginaw, Mich., and her husband are also staying home this summer, but they traveled to Arizona in March, visiting everything from the Grand Canyon to Sedona, "so we used up our vacation allotment for the year." Besides, she added, "we're both retired, and the grandkids have softball through July," so they hope to enjoy watching lots of games outdoors. Among those who will be traveling, Betsy Skipp, a children's advocacy volunteer who lives in Miami, said she intends to get to the Caribbean. "We live in Miami and we need to get out every now and then," she said. Susan Jewell, who works as a personal assistant and studies business administration at Southwestern College in Paradise Valley, Ariz., said she'll be vacationing in California. "Usually the summer is very busy for me, but I am going to San Diego to check it out and hang out with my sister," she said. "It's just something we decided to do, spur of the moment." Woodside, the marketing professor, said "actions by marketers" could counteract the drop in leisure travel with "innovative travel packaging." One area where he predicts growth in 2010 and 2011 is in tours offering "must-do-in-this-lifetime-experiences with an unbeatable low price" designed to attract "independent travelers -- many of whom hate (conventional) packaged tours.

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Description: Event planners said the Greenville Crawfish Boil was a huge success, but city officials said some people considered it a nuisance. Thousands of people rocked out to some big names at the first Crawfish Boil at the Bi-Lo Center last weekend. Phillip Patterson, who lives a couple of blocks away from the venue, said the music bothered him at first, but said it got better as the event continued. "Friday night was very, very loud," Patterson said. "We sat out here on the balcony and it was pretty disturbing. But it's not like it happens every weekend, so it's something that can be tolerated." Greenville City Manager Jim Bourey said the event violated a temporary permit and noise ordinance with levels over 80 decibels after 10 p.m. City officials said as a comparison, 80 decibels is about average for traffic. They said a loud scream from about 25 feet away, which was the measure used during the concert, was measured at 90 decibels. Event organizers said they know improvements must be made and called the first incarnation of the festival a learning experience. "We certainly did not want to impose on or bother any of our neighbors," said Bi-Lo Center Board Chairman William Thornhill. "We think there's something we can do in the future if we work with them to eliminate that." Patterson said that despite the noise, he thinks the event wasn't all bad. "Most of the time we enjoyed what we heard, so it wasn't a problem for us," Patterson said. Bourey said that, at least for now, the city does not plan to issue another permit for an outdoor rock concert at the Bi-Lo Center. Crawfish Boil organizers said that if they are given a second chance, they will try to improve the event by building barriers to help control the sound.

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Description: A North Carolina minister was fired Tuesday after his arrest. Police said that Paul Berrell was charged with taking or attempting to take indecent liberties with a child under 16. Berrell was the music minister at North Asheville's Saint Eugene Catholic Church. Police said the alleged incident happened at Berrell's home.

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Description: President Barack Obama said Thursday some of the terror suspects held at Guantanamo would be brought to prisons in the United States despite fierce opposition in Congress. He promised to work with lawmakers to develop a system for imprisoning detainees who can't be tried and can't be turned loose. "There are no neat or easy answers here," Obama said in a speech in which he pledged anew to "clean up the mess at Guantanamo" that he said the nation had inherited from the Bush administration. Obama conceded that some of the detainees would end up in U.S. prisons and insisted those facilities were tough enough to house even the most dangerous inmates. Obama decried arguments used against his plans. "We will be ill-served by the fear-mongering that emerges whenever we discuss this issue," he declared. Speaking at the National Archives, Obama said he wouldn't do anything to endanger the American people. Moments after he concluded his speech, former Vice President Dick Cheney delivered his own address across town defending the decisions of the Bush administration in dealing with terrorism. Expressing no remorse for the actions the Bush White House had ordered, Cheney said under the same circumstances he would make the same decisions "without hesitation." Obama noted that roughly 500 detainees already have been released by the Bush administration. There are 240 at Guantanamo now. He said opening and continuing the military prison "set back the moral authority that is America's strongest currency in the world." Obama spoke in front of a copy of the Constitution, to members of the Judge Advocate General's Corps, diplomatic, policy and development officials and representatives of civil liberties groups. "I can tell you that the wrong answer is to pretend like this problem will go away if we maintain an unsustainable status quo," Obama said. "As president, I refuse to allow this problem to fester. Our security interests won't permit it. Our courts won't allow it. And neither should our conscience." Obama said his administration was in the process of studying each of the remaining Guantanamo detainees "to determine the appropriate policies for dealing with them." "Nobody has ever escaped from one of our 'supermax' prisons which hold hundreds of convicted terrorists," Obama said. Obama disclosed that administration lawyers had approved 50 detainees at Guantanamo for transfer to other countries. Even so, it was not clear how many countries were prepared to take them. Obama used the speech as an effort to try to retake the initiative on the matter. He spoke a day after the Senate, at the behest of majority Democrats, followed the lead of the House and voted decisively to deny his request for \$80 million to close the prison. Lawmakers said they would block the funds until he gave a more detailed accounting of what would happen to the detainees. He sought to do that in his speech, but stopped short of offering a clear answer on the key question of what to do with detainees who won't be tried for war crimes but are likely to be

held indefinitely. He described this group as those "who cannot be prosecuted yet who pose a clear danger to the American people." "I want to be honest: this is the toughest issue we will face," Obama said. He said that the his administration would "exhaust every avenue that we have" to prosecute detainees but there would still be some left "who cannot be prosecuted for past crimes" yet remain a threat. Among these, he said, are prisoners who have expressed allegiance to Osama bin Laden "or otherwise made it clear they want to kill Americans." "So going forward, my administration will work with Congress to develop an appropriate legal regime" to handle such detainees "so that our efforts are consistent with our values and our Constitution." Obama criticized what he said was an effort to politicize the issue. "I know that the politics in Congress will be difficult. These issues are fodder for 30-second commercials and direct mail pieces that are designed to frighten. I get it. But if we continue to make decisions from within a climate of fear, we will make more mistakes," he said. Obama said he had no intention of looking back and "relitigating the policies" of the Bush administration. But at the same time, he strongly criticized former President George W. Bush's actions. "Our government made decisions based upon fear rather than foresight and all too often trimmed facts and evidence to fit ideological predispositions," he said. "In other words, we went off course." The president again rejected the idea of an independent commission that would investigate the whole range of national security issues under the Bush administration. "I recognize that many still have a strong desire to focus on the past. When it comes to the actions of the last eight years, some Americans are angry; others want to re-fight debates that have been settled, most clearly at the ballot box in November," Obama said. "I know that these debates lead directly to a call for a fuller accounting, perhaps through an independent commission," he said. But he insisted that "our existing democratic institutions are strong enough to deliver accountability." He also defended his decision to try to block the court-ordered release of detainee abuse photos. "Release would inflame anti-American opinion" and threaten American soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, Obama said. His decision against releasing the photos has been criticized by human-rights groups. Obama had first suggested he would allow the photos to be released, but changed his mind after listening to advice from the military and intelligence advisers. On another recent controversy, he defended his decision to release CIA interrogation memos, saying there was "no overriding reason to protect them." He said the interrogation methods, which included waterboarding, were already known -- and that he had banned them. Cheney praised Obama for two "wise" decisions -- his handling of the war in Afghanistan and his decision to try to block the court-ordered release of detainee-abuse photos. "He deserves our support" for such actions, Cheney said. But, the former vice president said, the current administration's actions on Guantanamo and other steps in the war against terrorism "should not be based on slogans and campaign rhetoric, but on a truthful telling of history." Cheney has become the most outspoken high-ranking Bush official in criticizing the Obama team, suggesting steps the new president has taken have made the country less safe.

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Description: The skies over northern South Carolina will be full of hot air balloons this weekend. Freedom Weekend Aloft takes flight for a 28th year beginning Friday at Heritage Park in Simpsonville. The four-day Memorial Day weekend festival will feature dozens of brightly colored hot air balloons, and visitors will have a chance to take a balloon flight. There will also be concerts in the park amphitheater featuring more than 30 hours of music. Artists include Gavin DeGraw, Foghat and the Chairmen of The Board. For more information on the festival, visit freedomweekend.org.

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Description: Upstate native [Lucas Glover](#) won the U.S. Open on Monday and his grandfather said he is very proud of his grandson. Rain delayed the tournament several times, but Glover eventually grabbed the second PGA Tour win of his career. Glover held off Tiger Woods, [Phil Mickelson](#) and David Duval in Monday's final round to win the U.S. Open by two strokes. Glover is a graduate of Wade Hampton High School and Clemson University and has a lot of family who lives in the Upstate. The golfer's wife and parents were in New York with Glover when he won the tournament. His grandfather, Dick Hendley, watched the entire thng unfold from his home in the Upstate. "The way he played in Charlotte and the way he played a couple of weeks before, I said to myself, 'Luke might just win the U.S. Open,'" Hendley said. "I didn't tell anybody here that, but I said it all week." Glover ended the tournament 4 under par.

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Description: Police investigating Michael Jackson's death looked into his medical treatment Friday, seeking to interview one of the pop king's doctors and seizing a car that they said may contain drugs or other evidence. As medical examiners began an autopsy on Jackson, police towed a BMW from rented home "because it may contain medications or other evidence that may assist the coroner in determining the cause of death," police spokeswoman Karen Rayner said. She said the car belongs to one of Jackson's doctors whom police wanted to interview. Rayner said she did not know the doctor's identity and stressed the doctor was not under criminal investigation. The autopsy began Friday morning and was expected to last several hours. An official determination on cause of death was not expected for weeks or longer, until more sophisticated tests are completed. In a 911 call released by fire officials, a caller reports Jackson was on a bed and not breathing or responding to CPR. The unidentified caller said Jackson was with his personal doctor at the time. "I need an ambulance as soon as possible, sir," the caller said urgently but politely. "We have a gentleman here that needs help and he's not breathing yet. He's not breathing and we need to -- we're trying to pump him, but he's not, he's not." The pop star died later Thursday afternoon at UCLA Medical Center. As stores reported they were inundated with orders for Jackson's music, a chorus of grief for the megastar spread around the world, from statesmen to icons of music to legions of heartbroken fans. "I can't stop crying. This is too sudden and shocking," said Diana Ross, who helped launch Jackson's career. "I am unable to imagine this. My heart is hurting." Lisa Marie Presley, briefly married to the pop icon in the mid-1990s, said he had confided to her 14 years ago that he worried about facing the same tragic fate as her father, Elvis Presley, who died of a drug overdose at age 42. "The world is in shock but somehow he knew exactly how his fate would be played out some day more than anyone else knew, and he was right," she wrote in a long, emotional statement on her MySpace page online. The White House also weighed in for the first time, with a spokesman saying President Barack Obama saw Jackson as a spectacular performer and music icon whose life nonetheless had sad and tragic aspects. The House of Representatives observed a moment of silence. Brian Oxman, a former Jackson attorney and a family friend, said Friday he had been concerned about Jackson's use of painkillers and had warned the singer's family about possible abuse. "I said one day, we're going to have this experience. And when Anna Nicole Smith passed away, I said we cannot have this kind of thing with Michael Jackson," Oxman said on NBC's "Today" show. "The result was, I warned everyone, and lo and behold, here we are. I don't know what caused his death. But I feared this day, and here we are." Oxman claimed Jackson had prescription drugs at his disposal to help with pain suffered when he broke his leg after he fell off a stage and for broken vertebrae in his back. After Jackson was acquitted on child molestation charges in 2005, prosecutors argued against returning to Jackson items including syringes, the drug Demerol and prescriptions for various drugs, mainly antibiotics, in different people's names. Jackson died after being stricken at his rented home in the posh Los Angeles neighborhood of Holmby Hills. Paramedics tried to resuscitate him for three-quarter of an hours there before rushing him to the hospital. His brother Jermaine said Jackson apparently suffered cardiac arrest, an abnormal heart rhythm that stops the heart from pumping blood to the body. It can occur after a heart attack or be caused by other heart problems. Jackson was preparing for a monster comeback bid -- a series of 50 concerts that was to begin next month in London. A handful of bleary-eyed fans camped out throughout the night with media outside the Jackson family house in the San Fernando Valley and near his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. People heading to work in New York stopped to pay respects outside Harlem's Apollo Theater, where Jackson performed as a child. "When the autopsy comes, all hell's going to break loose, so thank God we're celebrating him now," Liza Minnelli told CBS' "The Early Show" by telephone. A producer said Sunday's BET Awards would be dedicated to Jackson because of his influence on music and pop culture. And a screening of Universal Pictures' "Bruno" in Los Angeles on Thursday night cut a scene involving Jackson's sister La Toya. Jackson's death brought a tragic end to a long, bizarre, sometimes farcical decline from his peak in the 1980s, when he was popular music's premier all-around performer. His 1982 album "Thriller" -- which included the blockbuster hits "Beat It," "Billie Jean" and "Thriller" -- is the best-selling album of all time worldwide. Yet after selling more than 61 million albums in the U.S. and having a decade-long attraction open at Disney theme parks, Jackson died reportedly awash in about \$400 million in debt, on the cusp of a final comeback after well over a decade of scandal. The public first knew Jackson as a boy in the late 1960s, when he was the precocious, spinning lead singer of the Jackson 5, the singing group he formed with his four older brothers out of Gary, Ind. Among their No. 1 hits were "I Want You Back," "ABC" and "I'll Be There." He was perhaps the most exciting performer of his generation, known for his backward-gliding moonwalk, his feverish, crotch-grabbing dance moves and his high-pitched singing, punctuated with squeals and titters. His single sequined glove, tight, military-style jacket and aviator sunglasses were trademarks, as was his ever-changing, surgically altered appearance. "For Michael to be taken away from us so suddenly at such a young age, I just don't have the words," said Quincy Jones, who produced "Thriller." "He was the consummate entertainer and his contributions and legacy will be felt upon the world forever. I've lost my little brother today, and part of my soul has gone with him." Jackson ranked alongside Presley and the Beatles as the biggest pop sensations of all time. He united two of music's biggest names when he was briefly married to Presley's daughter, Lisa Marie. Jackson's sudden death immediately evoked comparisons to that of Presley himself, who died at age 42 in 1977. As years went by, Jackson became an increasingly freakish figure -- a middle-aged man-child weirdly out of touch with grown-up life. His skin became lighter, his nose narrower, and he spoke in a breathy, girlish voice. He often wore a germ mask while traveling, kept a pet chimpanzee named Bubbles as one of his closest companions and surrounded himself with children at his Neverland ranch, a storybook playland filled with toys, rides and animals. The tabloids dubbed him "Wacko Jacko." After the enormous success of "Thriller," Jackson had strong follow-up albums with 1987's "Bad" and 1991's "Dangerous," but his career began to collapse in 1993 after he was accused of molesting a boy who often stayed at his home. The singer denied any wrongdoing, reached a settlement with the boy's family, reported to be \$20 million, and criminal charges were never filed. Jackson caused a furor in 2002 when he playfully dangled his infant son, Prince Michael II, over a hotel balcony in Berlin while a throng of fans watched from below. In 2005, he was cleared of charges that he molested a 13-year-old cancer survivor at

Neverland in 2003. He had been accused of plying the boy with alcohol and groping him, and of engaging in strange and inappropriate behavior with other children. The case followed years of rumors about Jackson and young boys. In a TV documentary, he acknowledged sharing his bed with children, a practice he described as sweet and not at all sexual. Despite the acquittal, the lurid allegations that came out in court took a fearsome toll on his career and image, and he fell into serious financial trouble. Jackson married Lisa Marie Presley in 1994, and they divorced in 1996. Later that year, Jackson married Deborah Rowe, a former nurse for his dermatologist. They had two children together: Michael Joseph Jackson Jr., known as Prince Michael, now 12; and Paris Michael Katherine Jackson, 11. Rowe filed for divorce in 1999. Jackson also had a third child, Prince Michael II, now 7. Jackson said the boy, nicknamed Blanket as a baby, was his biological child born from a surrogate mother. Billboard magazine editorial director Bill Werde said Jackson's star power was unmatched. "The world just lost the biggest pop star in history, no matter how you cut it," Werde said. "He's literally the king of pop." Jackson's 13 No. 1 one hits on the Billboard charts put him behind only Presley, the Beatles and Mariah Carey, Werde said. "He was on the eve of potentially redeeming his career a little bit," he said. "People might have started to think of him again in a different light."